



City Update

Information and News for the Citizens of Lathrop

January 2010

☺☺☺ Upcoming Holidays



In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, all City of Lathrop facilities will be closed on the following date:

- Monday, January 18, 2010

☺☺☺ 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, January 14th
- All areas north of Lathrop Road and West of I-5
Dates: Tuesday, January 15th

NOTE: Streets with curbs only.

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



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING:

Allied Waste will be picking up Christmas Trees December 28th thru January 8th. To be sure yours is picked up, please leave it out on your regular service date. Leave trees by the side of your garbage toter in the gutter. If the tree is longer than 6 feet, it must be cut in half. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (209) 941-7430.



Code Compliance Portable Basketball Hoops

Code compliance has been receiving concerns regarding basketball hoops on the street. Placing a basketball hoop (or any object) in the right-of-way or roadway is considered an illegal encroachment. When not in use, place basketball hoops in your side yard or as close to the house as possible to keep streets clear and to allow vehicles to park in the street. If the basketball hoop is left in the street, notices will be issued to the property owner where the basketball hoop is directly in front of. If no response by the property owner is made, the city may remove and destroy the basketball hoop. Be a good neighbor and try contacting the owners of the basketball hoop first and express your concern.



For any questions or complaints, please contact the Code division at (209) 941-7280. Due to budget constraints hours of operation for Code are Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 6:00pm. Code Compliance is currently closed on Fridays.

Thank you again for being responsible property owners and for help keeping in compliance. Code Compliance would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday season.



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. 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.



CITY UPDATE - JANUARY 2010

The Holidays are over and Valentines Day is fast approaching and if you're like the rest of us, there's lots of chocolate to be found around the house. These tasty morsels are quite inviting to our pets, especially our dogs. Dogs have a tendency to like sweets just like humans; however, chocolates can be a lethal temptation for them.



Chocolate and Our Pets



Types of chocolate listed in order of toxicity: cocoa beans, cocoa powder, plain/baking, chocolate, dark chocolate, milk chocolate, chocolate drink mixes, white chocolate (most contains no real chocolate at all).

Once dogs have tasted chocolate, they want more; and for dogs, that's a bad thing. You might disagree, thinking back to a time when you noticed your dog enjoying a tidbit of chocolate with no ill effect. Don't be fooled. The problem, according to veterinary experts, is that eating a speck of chocolate leads a dog to crave more. It can mean that your dog will jump at an opportunity to get any type of chocolate.

It is not chocolate itself that is poisonous to our dogs. The cocoa bean, from which chocolate is produced, contains a naturally occurring compound called theobromine. This is closely related to caffeine, which chocolate also contains. The toxicity of chocolate for dogs is due to its theobromine content. In most cases, dogs are poisoned by eating the processed chocolate used in sweets, chocolate bars and baking, since these contain high concentrations of theobromine and caffeine and dogs find them tasty. The biggest threat is from cooking chocolate, followed by semi-sweet chocolate, milk chocolate, and hot chocolate. Although some dogs' tolerance for chocolate is better than others, a basic rule of thumb is, the smaller the dog the less chocolate they have to eat for it to be deadly.

Chocolate toxicity occurs within a few hours of eating the chocolate, but has been known to be delayed for as long as 24 hours. It can take as long as 3 days for the dog to recover completely. Symptoms you will see include: hyperexcitability, vomiting, frequent urination, diarrhea, rapid breathing and heart rate, weakness, muscle tremors, seizures and coma

Poisoning is common in dogs because of their habit of rapid consumption and although dogs are the most susceptible, the toxin has been known to affect or kill cats, birds, rodents and reptiles as well. If your pet ingests chocolate, treat the situation the same as if it were a dog. Chocolate ingestions by pets are common calls to veterinarians and the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, seeing increases around the holidays, such as Halloween, Easter, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. Poisoning of dogs by chocolate, chocolate toxicosis, is not as uncommon as you might think.

If you know your pet has ingested large quantities of chocolate, do not wait for symptoms to occur, take him/her to your local veterinarian immediately!

(Reference: www.google.com/chocolateanddogspoisoning)

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.

Teen Snow Trip to Leland Meadows

Let's go to the snow! The Lathrop Teen program is taking a trip to the snow. Leland Meadows is a great place for a day of fun. Cost includes transportation, park entrance and rental equipment. Remember to bring money for lunch.

Sign up by January 23, 2010.

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2010
Depart: Community Center, 8 AM
Return: Community Center, 7 PM
Fee: \$25 per person



Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (209) 941-7370 for additional information.

Upcoming Meetings – January 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 4	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
January 7	6:00 pm	Parks and Rec Commission	Senior Center
January 12	6:00 pm	Youth Advisory Commission	Senior Center
January 13	7:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Hall
January 14	9:30 am	Senior Advisory Commission	Senior Center
January 18	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
January 25	6:00 pm	City Council Study Session	City Hall
January 27	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 .