



City Update

Information and News for the Citizens of Lathrop

February 2010

Upcoming Holidays

In observance of the Presidents Day Holiday, all City of Lathrop facilities will be closed on the following date:

- Monday, February 15, 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, February 8th
- All areas north of Lathrop Road and West of I-5
Dates: Tuesday, February 9th

NOTE: Streets with curbs only. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at: (209) 941-7430

Rebroadcast of Council Meetings

Council meetings are taped and then televised on your local broadcast cable channel 97 at 7:00 pm on Tuesday and noon on Wednesday following the Council meeting.

Property Maintenance - Code Enforcement

Blighted and unmaintained properties can be a displeasing sight to any neighborhood. Residential properties, whether they are vacant or occupied, are still subject to maintenance requirements. These include, but are not limited to, the removal of all tall weeds, dry brush, junk, debris, building materials and discarded personal items. Properties are also subject to landscape maintenance in all yards, regular watering, pool & spa maintenance and graffiti removal. For vacant properties, a name and a twenty-four (24) hour phone contact of the local Property Management Company or person in charge must be posted on the property visible from the street.

Thank you again for being responsible property owners. If you would like to report a possible violation, please contact the Code Compliance 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.

Preventing Home Burglaries

Current Burglary Trends

With the real estate market picking up, burglars are targeting homes where real estate open houses are taking place. The open house allows burglars to blend in with the crowd and steal valuables the owners may not notice missing until hours later.

Real estate lock boxes are another indicator to burglars that the home may not be occupied at all hours of the day. The boxes essentially give burglars a key to your home.

Prevention Tips

Keep real estate lock boxes in a concealed location not visible to would be burglars.

Other Tips

- Ensure all entrances have proper lighting.
- Keep bushes trimmed low to prevent a place for concealment by burglars.
- Keep doors and windows locked, even during summer when the weather is warm.
- Have a trusted neighbor look after your home and pick up your mail or have the post office hold your mail until you return



Basic Security Tips!

- Check and re-check locks (sliding doors, tool sheds, windows and doors)
- Call dispatch when you witness any suspicious activities (209) 468-4400

Senior Afternoon Movies

Come join the Lathrop Seniors at the Senior Center and watch movies on Tuesday afternoons at 1 PM. To find out what movie will be playing, please contact the Lathrop Senior Center at 209-941-7380 or check the monthly Senior Center Newsletter!





CITY UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2010

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 2009 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 0.018 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: 4th Quarter 2009

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. Penalty fees will be assessed after February 1.

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.

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.



Upcoming Meetings – February 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 1	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
February 4	6:00 pm	Parks and Rec Commission	Senior Center
February 9	6:00 pm	Youth Advisory Commission	Senior Center
February 10	7:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Hall
February 11	9:30 am	Senior Advisory Commission	Senior Center
February 22	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
February 24	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 .