

# City Update

Information and News for the Citizens of Lathrop - July 2010

## National Night Out

What Is National Night Out? National Night Out is a city-wide project that brings members of Lathrop's neighborhoods together for an evening of food, friendship and community solidarity against drugs and criminal activity.



Sponsored by the City of Lathrop and Lathrop Police, National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for (and participation in) local anticrime and drug resistance efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and support partnerships between police and the community.
- Send a message to criminals, letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

From about 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, residents in neighborhoods throughout Lathrop will be turning on porch lights, locking their doors and spending the evening outside, visiting with neighbors, community leaders, firefighters and police. It is a time for renewing friendships with old neighbors and becoming acquainted with new ones.

The City of Lathrop will be hosting an event on this evening. Departments will have information available to share with residents. Details will be posted on the City website as they become available. Please join us!

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2010**  
**Tuesday, August 3, 2010**  
**Lathrop City Hall**  
**390 Towne Centre Drive**  
**Lathrop, CA 95330**  
**6pm-8pm**

To register your block party, please submit the registration form on the City website to Lathrop Police Services. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Deputy Andrea Lopez at (209) 858-5551, ext. 366. *The first 15 parties registered will receive two 2010 NNO hats!!!*

## Fourth of July Festivities: Should You Bring Your Pet?

The Lathrop Animal Services recommends keeping your pooch indoors as much as possible during backyard parties and Fourth of July festivities, even if he is a pro picnicker. From toxic food and beverages to raucous guests and fireworks, the holiday weekend is a minefield of potential pet problems.



Even the most timid dog can leap a six-foot fence if he's spooked by loud noises. If your dog shows signs of distress from fireworks or boisterous revelers, give him a Kong toy stuffed with peanut butter. The consistent licking should calm his nerves. Here are some helpful hints:

- If your pet is extremely frightened by loud noises, consider contacting your veterinarian who may prescribe a tranquilizer.
  - Since alcohol is potentially poisonous to pets, place all wine, beer and spirits well out of paws' way.
  - Avoid scraps from the grill. Stick with your pet's normal diet—any change, even for a day, can result in stomach upset. Certain foods like onions, avocado, chocolate, grapes and raisins are especially toxic to pets.
  - Avoid lathering your pet with any insect repellent or sunscreen not intended for the four-legged kind. Ingestion can result in drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst and lethargy.
  - Stay fire-smart. Keep your pet away from fireworks, matches, citronella candles and lighter fluid, which if eaten can irritate the stomach, lungs and central nervous system.
  - Be cool near the pool. Don't leave pets unsupervised around a pool or lake—not all dogs are expert swimmers!
  - Also, pools aren't large water bowls—they contain chlorine and other toxic chemicals that can cause stomach problems.
- As always, if you suspect your pet has ingested something poisonous from the picnic table, please contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435. Have a safe and happy Fourth!

## New Library Hours - Effective July 1, 2010



Monday .....CLOSED  
Tuesday ..... 1-6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 1-6 pm  
Thursday..... 1-6 pm  
Friday ..... 12-5pm  
Saturday ..... 12-5pm  
Sunday ..... CLOSED



The Library is located at 15461 Seventh Street, Lathrop. For program and event information, please call (209) 937-8221.

## Upcoming Meetings

- 07/01/10 Parks and Recreation Commission—Senior Center (6pm)
- 07/08/10 Senior Advisory Commission—Senior Center (9:30am)
- 07/12/10 City Council Meeting - Council Chambers (7pm)
- 07/13/10 Youth Advisory Commission—Senior Center (6pm)
- 07/14/10 Planning Commission—Council Chambers (7pm)
- 07/19/10 City Council Meeting—Council Chambers (7pm)
- 07/28/10 Planning Commission— Council Chambers (7pm)

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

### Maintaining your Property

Blighted and unmaintained properties can be a displeasing sight to any neighborhood. Code has been receiving many concerns regarding vacant and abandoned residential properties. These properties are still subject to maintenance requirements and must continue to be maintained to neighborhood standards. These include, but are not limited to, the removal of all tall weeds, dry brush, junk, debris, building materials and discarded personal items. Properties will also be subject to landscape maintenance in all yards, regular watering, and pool & spa maintenance and graffiti removal. 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.



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.

### STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

- East of Interstate 5, all areas south of Lathrop Road  
**Dates: Monday, July 12th**
- All areas north of Lathrop Road and West of I -5  
**Dates: Tuesday, July 13th**

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

### Activity Guide

For information on additional Parks and Recreation activities, please call (209) 941-7370, or view the activity guide online at: [www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/prd/activityguide](http://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/prd/activityguide)



### City Of Lathrop Department Directory

**Business Hours for City Hall are:**  
**Mon.-Thurs. 8am to 6pm**  
**Friday - Closed**

Animal Services.....	(209) 941-7240
Building.....	(209) 941-7270
City Attorney.....	(209) 941-7235
City Clerk.....	(209) 941-7230
City Manager.....	(209) 941-7220
Code Enforcement.....	(209) 941-7280
Community Center.....	(209) 941-7370
Community Development.....	(209) 941-7260
Finance.....	(209) 941-7320
Human Resources.....	(209) 941-7350
Lathrop Police Services.....	(209) 858-5551
Planning.....	(209) 941-7290
Senior Center.....	(209) 941-7380

**After Hours Public Works  
Emergency Only  
(209) 992-0028**

### Lathrop City Council

Mayor Kristy Sayles.....	(209) 941-7210
Vice Mayor Martha Salcedo.....	(209) 941-7217
Councilman Sonny Dhaliwal.....	(209) 941-7213
Councilman Christopher Mateo.....	(209) 941-7216

### Crime Tipline

Have you seen crime or something suspicious happen in the City of Lathrop? If so, please **DO NOT** hesitate to call our anonymous Crime TIPLINE. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**1-877-858-2TIP (Se Habla Español)**

### IKON Monster Bash Skate Park Competition

The Lathrop Parks & Recreation Department and the Youth Advisory Commission will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> IKON Monster Bash Lathrop Skate Park Competition on Saturday, July 31, 2010 from 10am to 5pm. The YAC and staff are looking for talented skateboarders and volunteers that can help put this event together. We need you to make this competition a success! Contact Gabe Goulart at (209) 941-7373 to volunteer or for more information.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SAC BBQ Competition & Festival

Calling all BBQ Grilling Champions---here is your chance to win the title of the "Valley's Best BBQ Team". The 2nd Annual SAC BBQ Competition & Festival will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 10am to 4pm at Manuel Valverde Park (15557 Fifth Street, Lathrop). This year we are expecting a large crowd and we will feature entertainment, fierce competitors, and much, much more!



We have space for 20 Grilling Teams. Last year's defending champion will be back to defend her title, and we invite all challengers to see if they can win the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophies in the categories of Ribs or Chicken

#### Entry Fees:

**Ribs: \$30** (Includes a rack of ribs as part of the entry fee)

**Bone-in Chicken: \$25** (Entrants must provide their own chicken)

**Ribs & Chicken: \$45** (Allows entrants to compete in both categories)

For additional information, please contact the Lathrop Senior Center at (209) 941-7380.

### 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, lhasa 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.



### Kids Club Field Trips!!!



Water Park (Shadow Cliffs- Pleasanton)	July 1
Roller Skating (Golden Skate-Sam Ramon)	July 8
Water Park (Shadow Cliffs- Pleasanton)	July 15
USS Hornet (Alameda)	July 22
Water Park (Shadow Cliffs- Pleasanton)	July 29
Boomers! (Modesto)	August 5



Activities are from 9am-3pm. The cost is \$20 per trip. For more information, check out our Summer Activity Guide [www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/prd/activityguide](http://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/prd/activityguide), or call the Lathrop Community Center Office at (209) 941-7370.