



# City Update

Information and News for the Citizens of Lathrop

October 2009

## Senior Center Parking Lot Sale

Saturday, October 10, 2009,  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Senior Center Parking Lot Sale will feature crafts, collectables, BBQ, Sheriff's Department demonstrations, entertainment, information booths and much, much more! Admission is free. If you are interested in renting booth space to sell your treasures, please contact the Lathrop Senior Center at 209-941-7380.

## 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, October 12th
- All areas north of Lathrop Road and West of I-5  
Dates: Tuesday, October 13th

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

## Thank You for Your Support!!

The City of Lathrop would like to thank the local community for the generous donations which were made to the City's First Annual Backpack and School Supply Drive for Lathrop Elementary Schools.



All of the backpacks and school supplies the City received were donated to Lathrop Elementary School, Joseph Widmer School, and Mossdale Elementary School.

The school administrators have expressed their gratitude for all the contributions of our local community. Due to the tough economic times that many people are facing, this has provided some relief to those in need. Without the thoughtfulness of the community, this would not have been possible.



The City looks forward to continuing this event next year with even greater success! We know that this is possible due to the generosity of our community!

## Mobile Vendor Ordinance

A new Mobile Vendor Ordinance has been brought to City Council for approval. Items recommended include requirements for vendor permits, identifying permissible parking areas, use of signs and noise amplification and identifying times of operation. A copy of the recommended ordinance can be picked up at City Hall, or acquired through the City of Lathrop website at: [www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/council/agendas/090915cnlrep.pdf](http://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/council/agendas/090915cnlrep.pdf) (Item 4.3)

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.



If you feel you may have a property on your street that has become blighted due to it being vacant and abandoned or if you have any questions or concerns please contact the Code Division office at (209) 941-7280 during regular business hours.

## Upcoming Meetings – October 2009

Date	Time	Meeting	Location
October 1	6:00 pm	Parks and Rec Commission	Senior Center
October 6	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
October 8	9:30 am	Senior Advisory Commission	Senior Center
October 13	6:00 pm	Youth Advisory Commission	Senior Center
October 14	7:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Hall
October 20	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
October 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.

## Preventing Sewer Back-Ups & Sewer Overflows

### What To Do:

- Collect grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Place food scraps in waste containers or garbage bags for disposal with solid waste, or start a compost pile.
- Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid waste. Disposable diapers, condoms and personal hygiene products do not belong in the sewer system.
- These suggestions can save you money too! Most sewer back-ups occur between the house and the City's sewer main, where the property owner is responsible for correcting the problem. Avoiding blockages means avoiding plumbing bills. When the blockage occurs in the City's sewer main, the City will correct the problem. Please call the Public Works Department at (209) 941-7430, to report a sewer back-up or overflow. After hours call the after-hours emergency number, (209) 992-0028.

### What Not To Do:

- Pour grease, fats and oils from cooking down the drain.
- Use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Use the sewer as a means to dispose of food scraps.

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When a sewer overflows, it is usually the result of inappropriate materials in the sewer system. Please Help the City Prevent Sewer Back-ups and Overflows!

Have you ever experienced a sanitary sewer back-up or overflow? Luckily, most sewer back-ups and overflows can be prevented with a progressive preventive maintenance program. All of us can help to prevent them by wisely using the City Of Lathrop's sanitary sewer system. The City is "recruiting" customer partners who are willing to join our efforts to prevent sewer back-ups and overflows.

Sewer back-ups and overflows are frequently caused by improper materials such as fats, oils and grease being placed into the sewer system by the City's customers. Since fats, oils and grease are lighter than water, they tend to accumulate at the top and sides of sewer pipes and can build up until a blockage occurs. If a blockage happens, the sewer backs up or overflows resulting in property and environmental damage.

The City of Lathrop's Sewer Use Ordinance requires that restaurants should install and maintain grease traps and/or interceptors to prevent grease from entering the sewer system. However, there are many more residential kitchens than there are restaurants in Lathrop. By reducing the amount of fats, oils and grease that enter the sewer system from homes, you can help to protect the environment by preventing sewer back-ups and overflows.

Sanitary sewer systems are designed to handle three things: used water, human body waste, and toilet paper. You can do some simple things that will help the City protect water quality and maintain the sewer system in Lathrop.



## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR ANIMALS



Lathrop Animal Services offers these common-sense cautions to keep your pets safe and sound during this time of the year:

- All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room during peak trick-or-treat visiting hours--too many strangers in unusual garb can be scary and stressful for pets.
- When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, take care that Fifi or Fido doesn't dart outside. Make sure they're wearing current identification, just in case.
- No tricks or treats: Keep all Halloween candy out of your pet's reach. Chocolate can be poisonous to animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.
- It's not a bright idea to keep lit pumpkins around companion animals. Pets can knock them over, and curious kittens especially run the risk of being burned. Don't leave your pet in the yard on Halloween. There have been stories of vicious pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen and even killed pets on this night.
- Although we recommend that cats remain indoors at all times, it is especially important to keep your feline inside for several days before and after Halloween. Black cats in particular may be at risk from children's pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. As a safety precaution, many shelters will not adopt out black cats around Halloween.
- Don't dress up your dog or cat unless you know he or she loves it. If you decide to do so, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe, and doesn't restrict movement, vision, hearing or ability to breathe or bark. Avoid costumes with small or dangling accessories that could be chewed off and possibly choked on.

For more information, please call Lathrop Animal Services at (209)941-7240 or visit our website at: [www.ci.lathrop.ca.us](http://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us).