

City Update

Information and News for the Citizens of Lathrop

March 2010

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.



Code compliance is implemented on a complaint driven basis and responds to public complaints regarding certain uses, construction or an activity that may not be in compliance with the city, zoning, and or building codes. 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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

For Lathrop Businesses
Wednesday March 17, 2010
9:00 - 10:00 am

Lathrop City Hall - 390 Towne Centre Drive

Free information on Enterprise Zone benefits

- ✓ How can your business qualify for Hiring tax Credits of \$37,400 or more per employee
- ✓ Sales and Use Tax Credits on machinery purchases
- ✓ More State Tax Credit incentives

Pacific Gas & Electric's Energy Efficiency Programs

- ✓ Free Energy Audits
- ✓ Rebates
- ✓ Incentive Programs



Please RSVP to Steve Carrigan at:
(209) 941-7232 or scarrigan@ci.lathrop.ca.us

Upcoming Meetings

- 3/1/10 City Council Meeting - Council Chambers (7pm)
- 3/4/10 Parks and Recreation Commission—Senior Center (6pm)
- 3/9/10 Youth Advisory Commission—Senior Center (6pm)
- 3/10/10 Planning Commission—Council Chambers (7pm)
- 3/11/10 Senior Advisory Commission—Senior Center (9:30am)
- 3/15/10 City Council Meeting—Council Chambers (7pm)
- 3/24/10 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.

Help Keep our Parks and Streets Safe and Clean

The City of Lathrop has many parks for the enjoyment of our citizens. While using our parks, please keep in mind that if you bring your dog, your dog must be on a leash.

The only place dogs are allowed off leash is in the City's Dog Park. The Dog Park is temporarily located at the Mossdale Community Park, 17400 Golden Spike Trail, Lathrop. The park is a grass, fenced-in dog park to allow dogs to run free and play without a leash.

While using any of our parks, please be courteous of your fellow citizens and pick up after you animals. Those plastic bags from your grocer are great for litter-removal; they easily fit in your pocket and are ready when you need it.



Please make sure to clean up after your dog at any park! If you have any questions, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 209-941-7360 or the Neighborhood & Community Services Department - Animal Services Division at 209-941-7240.

ST. PATRICKS DAY BREAKFAST

Come join us at the Senior Center for our annual "Luck of the Irish Breakfast" on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 9am at the Lathrop Senior Center. We will feature a delicious quiche filled with magical ingredients. This event is a great \$5 value for seniors fifty and above. Please call the Senior Center and reserve your seat in advance at 941-7380.



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.

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

- East of Interstate 5, all areas south of Lathrop Road
Dates: Monday, March 8th
 - All areas north of Lathrop Road and West of I-5
Dates: Tuesday, March 9th
- NOTE: Streets with curbs only.**

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

CITY HALL HOURS

Due to the furlough schedule implemented citywide, the new City Hall hours are:
Mon.-Thurs. 8am to 6pm
Friday - Closed

LATHROP BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS:

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



WANTED: Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

Please call
Community Resource Officer
Andrea Lopez
858-5551ext: 366

FOR DETAILS!!!

Parks and Recreation Special Events

Spring Fun Day & Giant Candy Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 27, 2010
10 am to 12 pm



Celebrate the Spring Holiday with us at Valverde

Park (15557 Fifth Street, Lathrop). We will have field games such as sack races, tug o' war, parachute games and an egg toss! After the games, there will be a Giant Candy Egg Hunt. The Spring Bunny will make

an appearance and will stay for pictures so make sure to bring your camera! Games start at 10 am. For more information, please call the Lathrop Community Center at (209) 941-7370.

2010 Spring Bunny Breakfast at the Senior Center. Saturday March 27th



from 8:30 to 11:00 am

The Senior Center host's this annual breakfast that takes place before the Spring Fun Day and Giant Candy Egg Hunt. The Breakfast will

feature pancakes, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee, sausage, and bacon. The Cost is \$5 for adults and for \$3 children under 12 years of age. Come get the energy you need for the egg hunt! Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact the Lathrop Senior Center at (209) 941-7380 to purchase your tickets or for more information.



Skate Park Competitions:

The Lathrop Youth Advisory Commission and IKON are co-sponsoring a series of skate competitions this spring and summer. There will be four age categories and contestants will skate in a Jam format for points. There will be prizes, trophies, great food and good times so be there! Lathrop Skate Park competition dates are:



- Saturday March 27th 11-5pm
- Saturday May 1st 10-4pm
- Saturday July 31st 10-4pm