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FIRE SEASON IS COMING, LET'S PRACTICE FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES TODAY!



To help keep residents safe, the Lathrop – Manteca Fire District would like to remind you that it is time to remove any overgrown vegetation likely to be a fire hazard on your property. This includes weeds, dead, decayed, diseased or hazardous trees, and other vegetation constituting an unsightly appearance or dangerous to public health, safety, and welfare. (City of Lathrop Municipal Code 8.24.30)

Weed abatement ensures that property owners maintain a defensible space around their properties that would allow firefighters to effectively stop fires from spreading from open space areas to homes and other structures. Cutting grass and weeds reduces the ability for fire to start or spread quickly and decreases the fire risk in our city. Additionally, removing flammable plants and debris in proximity to a home increases the chances of that home's survival in the event of a fire.

We are aiming at having 100% compliance in the City of Lathrop no later than June 1st and our staff will be conducting regular inspections of the community to ensure any issues are being addressed. Please note, properties should be consistently maintained, as there is a potential for re-growth throughout the fire season.

Please help keep Lathrop safe with the abatement of weeds, and by following these fire prevention tips:

- Mow or disk during cooler weather, preferably the early morning, but never when it's windy or excessively dry.
- Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, not weeds or dry grass. Metal blades striking rocks can create sparks and start fires. Please use caution.
- Never pull your vehicle over in dry grass.
- Make sure all portable gasoline-powered equipment have spark arresters.
- Keep all weeds and grasses below 4 inches in height in residential areas.
- Remove all dead vegetation/debris from your property, including dead or diseased trees.

Questions? E-mail prevention@lmfire.org or call us at (209) 941-5103
Complaints about potential fire hazards? Please use the City of Lathrop CARES App to submit a General Inquiry to the Fire District.



NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Address	Type / Product
Shaba Express Indian Cuisine	116 Roth Road	Indian Food Service
Prime Drug Testing, LLC	143 D'Arcy Parkway	DOT & Non-DOT Drug Testing
Prime Offices	17395 S. Manthey Road	Property Management

Key: [Retail](#) [Service](#) [Industrial](#)

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Businesses Coming Soon

- **Fast & Easy Mart**
16460 Golden Valley Parkway
- **Jamba Juice**
16460 Golden Valley Parkway



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COMMERCIAL WASTE & RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS



It is the desire of the City of Lathrop to create and maintain a beautiful, environmentally conscious city while complying with all state required mandates related to solid waste and recycling. Below is a list of Commercial Waste and Recycling Requirements. For additional information, visit our website at www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/parksrec.

Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341)

Per AB 341, State Law requires that all businesses and multi-family housing complexes that generate at least four (4) cubic yards of solid waste a week to arrange for recycling services.

Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (AB 1826)

Per AB 1826, State Law requires that all businesses and multi-family housing complexes that generate at least two (2) cubic yards of solid waste a week arrange for organic waste recycling services.

Mandatory Organic Waste Reduction (SB 1383)

The Short-lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act of 2016, is geared to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% and increase edible food recovery by 20% by 2025. To comply with this state mandate, all solid waste generators will need to subscribe to organic/green waste (e.g. yard trimmings, food waste) collection services. Additionally, it requires that qualifying businesses including supermarkets, grocery stores, food distributors, restaurants and hotels to redirect edible food from landfill to food recovery organizations.

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To apply for waiver, exempting your business from services, please visit our website at www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/parksrec/page/recycling-and-conservation.

Industrial Haulers

The City of Lathrop contracts with Republic Services to provide residential and commercial garbage service, however, the City of Lathrop does approve industrial Hauler Licenses each fiscal year. (LMC 816.010) The license is required for ALL hauling of Industrial Solid Waste, which applies to manufacturing facilities, factories, and refineries. For a list of Licensed Industrial Haulers or to be considered for an Industrial Hauler License, please visit our website at www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/parksrec/page/industrial-haulers. Republic Services is the franchise hauler for recycling and disposal of C&D materials including, development, new construction, and remodels. Please call (209) 466-5192 and select option 2.

(209) 941-7430. www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/parksrec

PLANNING A HOME IMPROVEMENT?



Avoid the surprise and frustration of a home improvement or landscaping project, by contacting the friendly and informative staff of the City's Planning and Building Divisions first. Staff is available to explain the requirements of your specific project and whether or not a building permit is required. Visit City Hall during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday) or by emailing or calling the planning@ci.lathrop.ca.us, (209) 941-7260, or building@ci.lathrop.ca.us, (209) 941-7270.

HOLD ON A DOGGONE MINUTE!

The Animal Center is Full!



Contact: Lathrop Animal Center (209) 647-6480

Call ASAP to schedule a meet and greet

View all our adoptable pets at www.petfinder.com

GOT ANTS IN YOUR PLANTS? TIPS FOR REDUCING PESTICIDE USE IN YOUR GARDEN

Spring is here, and you might not be the only one excited to get back into your garden. Whether it's weeds, bugs, rodents, or other pests, your garden may be experiencing some unwanted visitors. Before you reach for a pesticide, consider these tips to care for your outdoor space without using harmful chemicals. Reducing pesticide use can save you money and help protect our local waterways!

Garden Maintenance Tips to Prevent Pests

One of the best ways to manage pests is to prevent them from settling in your garden in the first place. You can do this by removing things that attract pests, such as food, water, and shelter. Here's how:

- **Remove trash and yard waste** – Trash and decaying plant material often attract insects and rodents. Remove and properly dispose of any trash or yard waste.



- **Use physical barriers** – Row covers, hot caps, and other plant cages can help keep pests away from sensitive young plants. Sticky barriers, copper barriers, and raised beds are other options that can help protect garden plants.



- **Remove standing water**

– Standing water can encourage the growth of mold and algae, become a nursery for insect larvae, and attract unwanted animals looking for drinking water. Be sure to remove standing water to reduce the chances of pests turning your yard into their home.

- **Plant smart** – Planting strategies, such as selecting appropriate types of plants, alternating plant patterns, and adding ground cover (like mulch) can deter pests. For more information about planting strategies, visit <https://ourwaterourworld.org/health-garden/>.

Friend or Foe: Beneficial Insects

Most bugs are friends, not foes! In fact, 97% of the insects you see are considered good. These are called “beneficial insects” because they benefit your garden by pollinating your plants, improving the soil, and eating the pests that harm your garden. How can you invite more friends to your

garden? Here are a few tips to identify and attract beneficial insects:

- **Find your friends** – Many insects are natural enemies of common pests; you just might not recognize them! Find out who your friends are by learning how to identify beneficial insects. An insect can look dramatically different during each stage of its life cycle, such as egg, larva, pupa, and adult. It is important to know what the good bugs: such as bees, ladybugs, soldier beetles, and green lacewings, look like in their various life stages.



- **Plant for success** – By planting native plants that are high in pollen and rich in nectar, you can increase the likelihood that beneficial bugs will find your garden welcoming and stick around.



- **Use pesticides as a last resort** – While pesticides can control pests efficiently, they will also likely harm or kill the beneficial bugs. If pests are present in your yard, first try non-toxic or less-toxic methods, such as traps, deterrents, and preventative measures, to ensure your gardening strategies are sustainable and environmentally friendly.

Did You Know?

The stores where you buy pesticides can help you choose a less-toxic option! Next time you're shopping for pest control products, look for “point-of-purchase” signs, such as shelf edging or tags, as well as display stands with fact sheets, banners, and other educational materials. Our Water, Our World is one program that provides these materials. Visit <https://ourwaterourworld.org/find-a-store/> to find a participating store near you.

LEARN MORE!

For more resources on pesticide best practices, visit the UC Integrated Pest Management Program at <http://ipm.ucanr.edu/pmg/pestnotes/pn74126.html>.

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2024 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR – CITY OF LATHROP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

For Your Guide to a Year of Fun or to Register for an Event, please visit www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/parksrec or call (209) 941-7372

March 23rd – Cinna-Buns with the Bunny – 9 a.m. at the Generations Center (\$25 per Family)

April 20th – Earth Day Recycling Event – 9 a.m. at Mossdale Park (Free Event)

April 26th – Mayor’s Art Show Entry – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Lathrop City Hall (\$10 per Entry)

April 27th – Mayor’s Art Show Entry – 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Lathrop City Hall (\$10 per Entry)

April 29th – April 30th – Mayor’s Art Show Public View – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lathrop City Hall (Free Event)

May 1st – May 9th – Mayor’s Art Show Public View – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lathrop City Hall (Free Event)

May 18th – Community Garage Sale – 8 a.m. at the Senior Center Parking Lot (\$30 Fee)

May 27th – Memorial Day Ceremony – 11 a.m. at the Veteran’s Memorial Wall (Free Event)

June 7th – Movies in the Park – Dusk at the Generations Center (Free Event)

June 14th – Movies in the Park – Dusk at the Generations Center (Free Event)

June 19th – Juneteenth – 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Generations Center (Free Event)

June 21st – Movies in the Park – Dusk at the Generations Center (Free Event)

June 28th – Movies in the Park – Dusk at the Generations Center (Free Event)

July 1st – July 1st Celebration – 6 p.m. at the Generations Center (Free Event)

July 12th – Concerts in the Park – 7 p.m. at the Generations Center (Free Event)

July 19th – Concerts in the Park – 7 p.m. at the Generations Center (Free Event)

July 26th – Concerts in the Park – 7 p.m. at the Generations Center (Free Event)

SENIOR SPECIAL EVENTS

*All events will be held at the Senior Center unless otherwise specified.

March 14th – St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (\$5 Fee)

March 20th – Spring Kick Off – 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. (Free Event)

March 29th – Movie Day – 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Free Event)

April 4th – Pool Table Tournament – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Free Event)

April 19th – Luau – 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Lathrop Community Center (\$15/\$65)

May 9th – Mother’s Day Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Lathrop Community Center (\$5 Fee)

May 30th – Shuffleboard Tournament – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Free Event)

June 13th – Father’s Day Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Lathrop Community Center (\$5 Fee)

July 12th – Movie Day – 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. (\$5 Fee)

CITY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

MAY

- May 27th
Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

JULY

- July 4th
Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Looking for Small Business Funding?



Apply Today!

Does your small need money for inventory, equipment, working capital, start-up expenses and more? San Joaquin County offers a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) that may be an option for funding.

The RLF operates as a non-profit initiative aimed at fostering the economic growth of small businesses in San Joaquin County through competitive loan offerings. With three distinct lending products, the RLF provides flexible loan packages ranging from as low as \$5,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000, albeit larger loans require more rigorous underwriting and entail longer processing times. RLF loans serve to finance various aspects of business assets and operations, covering a spectrum of needs including inventory, equipment purchases, tenant and leasehold improvements, working capital, startup expenses, and acquisition of buildings or land. Contact the RLF staff today by calling (209) 468-3615 or email eda@sjcworknet.org.

