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Lathrop Transit Van

NEED A RIDE? - LATHROP TRANSIT CAN HELP!

The City of Lathrop has launched a new Microtransit system that offers a flexible, on-demand transportation service aimed at improving mobility throughout the City. The service will link riders to fixed transit routes and enable point-to-point travel within Lathrop's city limits, delivering a more convenient and accessible public transportation option.

Fares to take a trip within the City are \$2, with discounted fares of \$1 for adults age 62 and older, youth/students aged 17 or younger, and anyone who is ADA-eligible.

The new service, operated by Unified Transit, provides convenient transportation through a fleet of branded Lathrop Transit vans driven by professionally trained drivers. Passengers can easily schedule affordable (\$2 or \$1) rides through a phone call, (wheelchair-accessible vehicles available upon request.) This professional transit service makes it simple for residents to reach work, shopping, medical appointments, and other essential destinations, proving particularly valuable for seniors, students, and residents without personal vehicles.

There will also be a service called the "School Tripper" that will run a fixed route in the morning and afternoon to ensure that kids are able to get to school. However, this is not a school bus and is available to the general public. The funding for this program cannot be restricted to school use only. More information on the specific route and pickup times are available on the Lathrop Transit website at: www.lathroptransit.com

The hours of operation for micro-transit are Monday through Friday 7am until 5pm, except on holidays. A mobile application is in the development stages and should be available soon. For more information on the new micro-transit service, please call Lathrop Transit at (866) 495-5483 to make a reservation.

NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Address	Type / Product
Ulavacharu Tiffins Express Lathrop	16609 S. Harlan Road	Restaurant
Ratnadeep Indian Supermarket	17060 S. Harlan Road	Indian Supermarket
Lathrop Transit	16925 S. Harlan Road	Bus & Dial-a-Ride Services
Change with ABA	16974 S. Harlan Road	Specialized Services for Autism
Regus HQ	17036 S. Harlan Road	Coworking Office Space
Mech Finix Labs	17910 Murphy Parkway	Training – Robotics, IoT, Coding

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND COMING SOON

Auto Zone	Stanford Crossing South	Auto Related Retail & Services
Curry Pizza	Lathrop Marketplace	Pizza
Cold Stone Creamery	Lathrop Marketplace	Ice Cream
Kung Fu Tea	Lathrop Marketplace	Various Tea Drinks
88 Bao Bao Dumplings & Ramen	Lathrop Marketplace	Dumplings & Ramen
Maverik Gas Station	410 East Louise	Gas Station & Convenience Store
Sutter Health	Lathrop Marketplace	Urgent Care Services

Key: Retail Service Industrial

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Come in! We are open. sign

Come in!
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OPEN

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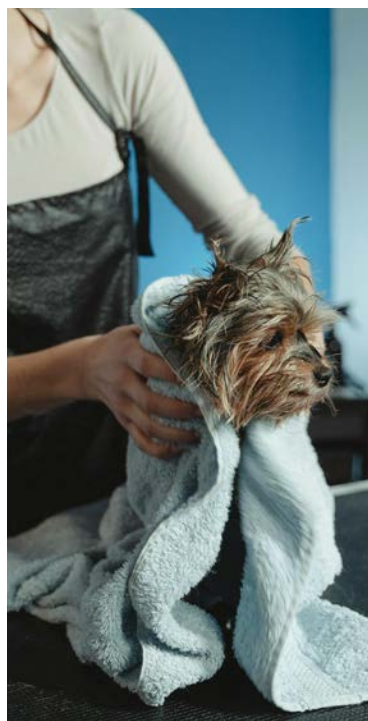
FREE ADOPTIONS!
LOOKING FOR A FURRY FRIEND? SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET ONE OF OUR AMAZING ANIMALS!
LATHROP ANIMAL CENTER
WWW.24PETCONNECT.COM / WWW.ADOPTAPET.COM
CALL US: (209) 647-6480

Pictures of dogs available for adoption.

Towel Drive for Lathrop Animal Center

The Lathrop Animal Center needs gently used towels to help keep the center clean and the animals comfortable. If you would like to donate towels, please drop them off in the donation box located in the lobby at Lathrop City Hall. While these towels will be used for cleaning purposes, we kindly ask that the towels still be in decent condition – no large holes or heavy stains.

Your support is greatly appreciated by our staff and especially by our furry friends! Thank you for helping us care for the animals!



Groomer towel drying a dog.

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF 2024 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

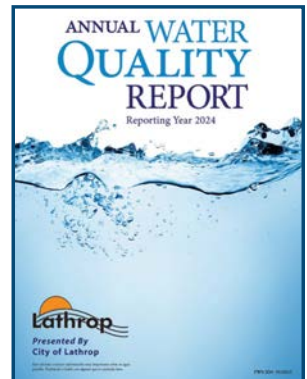
The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is an annual water quality report required by the State of California Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The purpose of the CCR is to raise public awareness on the City's drinking water quality, to provide the source of the City's drinking water, what it takes to deliver water to consumers, their homes, and the importance of protecting drinking water sources.

To view, or download, the 2024 CCR, please visit the following URL: <https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/publicworks/page/water-quality-reports>

For questions related to the report, or to request a mailed copy, please call the Lathrop Public Works Department at (209) 941-7430 or by email at [website pwk@ci.lathrop.ca.us](mailto:pwk@ci.lathrop.ca.us)

THIS REPORT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OF LATHROP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT 390 TOWNE CENTRE DRIVE, LATHROP, CA 95330 or (209) 941-7430 FOR ASSISTANCE.

Este informe contiene información importante sobre su agua para beber. Si tiene preguntas o requiere más información, por favor de comunicarse a la Ciudad de Lathrop Departamento de Servicios Públicos localizados en el 390 Towne Centre Drive, Lathrop, CA 95330 o al (209) 941-7430 para asistirle en Español.



Front cover of Annual Water Quality Report

PLANNING A HOME IMPROVEMENT?



Man drilling wooden board

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 planning@ci.lathrop.ca.us, (209) 941-7260, or building@ci.lathrop.ca.us, (209) 941-7270.

DON'T RUN OFF! TIPS TO KEEP WATER IN YOUR YARD

Harmful runoff can occur when water (either rain or irrigation) comes into contact with and washes pesticides, soil, or other products used around your home into storm drains and waterways. You can help reduce harmful runoff and protect local waterbodies by using less-toxic products and slowing the flow of pollutants from your yard and garden.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)



Pesticide Free Zone sign

A simple way to help keep pesticides out of the local waterbodies is to reduce the amount of chemicals you apply to your yard and garden. To do this, while managing

pest problems effectively, you can use Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which focuses on low- to no-pesticide methods of pest control, such as:

- **Prevention** – Prevent pests from becoming a problem in the first place. For more information about pest prevention, check out the spring newsletter, <https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/economic-development/page/news-updates>
- **Alternatives** – Use alternatives to pesticides for pest control, such as traps, physical removal, natural deterrents, and/or natural predators.
- **Pesticides as a Last Resort** – Treat pesticides as a last resort, and use the least toxic options available. <https://ourwaterourworld.org/pesticides-and-water-quality>

LEARN MORE!

Visit <http://ipm.ucanr.edu>.

If you are unsure about how to safely manage your pest problem, it may be time to hire a professional to take care of the problem for you. More information about hiring IPM professionals can be found at <http://ipm.ucanr.edu/pmg/pestnotes/pn74125.html>

Water-Conscious Landscaping

If pesticides must be used, be sure to follow these landscaping tips to help keep water and chemicals in your yard and out of our creeks and rivers.



Watering flowers

- **Avoid Overwatering** – Overwatering and overspray will lead to increased runoff which can carry along the pesticides you apply. Find more information on how to irrigate responsibly at <https://water.ca.gov/water-basics/conservation-tips/plant-and-landscape-guide>
- **Porous Surfaces** – Use gravel, stones, or pavers to allow water to soak into the soil in areas where you don't have plants. Consider adding mulch to your garden to keep your soil moist, reduce evaporation, and restrict weed growth. Check out more landscaping tips at <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/landscaping-tips>



Hands planting flowers

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SIDEWALK SAFETY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT E-BIKES AND SCOOTERS

With the growing popularity of e-bikes and motorized scooters, especially among teens, the sidewalks in our neighborhoods are seeing more traffic than ever. While these devices offer convenience and fun, it's important to understand the legal limitations and safety expectations that come with their use.

Under California Vehicle Code §21235(g), motorized scooters are not allowed to operate on sidewalks, except when entering or exiting adjacent property (such as a driveway or storefront). This rule exists to protect pedestrians and reduce the risk of collisions in shared spaces.

Tips for Safe Sidewalk Use:

- The streets where permitted.
 - Ride Respectfully: If using a non-motorized bike or skateboard on the sidewalk, slow down near pedestrians.
 - Give a Heads-Up: Always call out "on your left" or ring a bell when passing someone.
 - Dismount When Necessary: In crowded areas or near schools and parks, it's safest to walk your device.
- A quick reminder to young riders—and parents—can go a long way in preventing accidents and promoting a safer community for everyone.

KNOW THE RULES: STREET PARKING TIME LIMITS IN THE CITY OF LATHROP

The City of Lathrop enforces street parking regulations to help maintain traffic flow, ensure public safety, and support neighborhood cleanliness. One of the most enforced rules is the 72-hour street parking limit.

Under Lathrop Municipal Code 10.12.080, vehicles may not be parked on any public street or right-of-way for more than 72 consecutive hours. After this period, the vehicle is considered abandoned and may be subject to citation and possible towing at the owner's expense.

Why the Rule Exists:

- Prevents long-term storage of vehicles on public streets
- Improves visibility and access for emergency vehicles
- Encourages proper vehicle maintenance and responsible parking

Tips for Compliance:

- Move your vehicle at least every 72 hours, even if it's in front of your residence
- Report non-operational or abandoned vehicles through the city's code enforcement portal
- Be mindful of additional restrictions such as street sweeping schedules, red zones, or loading zones

Residents are encouraged to use their driveways and garages, when possible, to reduce street congestion and improve neighborhood aesthetics.



Officer talking to bicyclist

BIKE LANES VS. BIKE ROUTES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Lathrop has both bike lanes and bike routes and knowing how to use them can help keep everyone safe.

- Bike Lanes are marked by painted lines and bike symbols on the road. They're meant just for cyclists and provide a designated space next to traffic. Use these when riding on busy streets or commuting.
 - Bike Routes are shared roads marked with signs but do not have a separate lane. These are great for slower rides, residential streets, or biking with kids.
- By knowing where and how to ride, we can all help keep Lathrop's streets safe and bike-friendly!

LathropSMART Retail Incentive Program



Retail Incentive Program Brochure

Thinking about starting a new retail or entertainment business? The Lathrop City Council approved a new incentive program aimed to attract new retailers, entertainment, and recreational businesses to underserved areas east side of Interstate 5. The LathropSMART Retail Incentive program offers financial assistance in the form of a credit-based grant payable toward city fees related to business license, tenant improvements of an existing building or space, or construction of a new building. Eligible business categories include retail establishments that sell goods to consumers and patrons; full-service restaurants, entertainment and recreational entities; and small businesses retailers, entertainment, or recreational entities with at least 3 full-time employees. The initiative excludes home businesses, mobile vendors, and industries focused primarily on fuel, alcohol, tobacco, or cannabis. For more information about the Retail Incentive Program, scan the QR Code to visit the City's website or contact the Economic Development Administrator at (209) 941-7221 or by email at EconDev@ci.lathrop.ca.us.



CITY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

JULY

- July 4th
Closed in Observance of Independence Day

SEPTEMBER

- September 1st
Closed in Observance of Labor Day