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NEW COUNTY SERVICES AVAILABLE NOW AT LATHROP CITY HALL!

Lathrop residents now have convenient access to passport and document recording services here at City Hall! Thanks to a partnership with the San Joaquin County Assessor Recorder's Office, these essential services are now offered locally, saving residents time and travel.

Passport services, including passport photo services, are available by appointment only on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Whether you're planning a vacation or need to renew your passport, you can now take care of it close to home. Even better, if you were born in San Joaquin County, you can request a certified birth certificate during the same visit, efficiently completing the process in one location.

In addition to passport services, the Assessor Recorder's Office has expanded document recording services in Lathrop. Staff will be on-site during the same hours to assist with official recording needs.

To schedule an appointment, call 209-941-5051 or visit:

<https://www.sjgov.org/departments/assessor/recorder-county-clerk-information/passports>

This is just one more way the City of Lathrop is working to bring more services directly to the community. Take advantage of these services and enjoy a faster, more convenient process, right here in Lathrop!

NEW BUSINESSES

Name Address Type / Product

Ares Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy	17359 S. Manthey Rd.	Fitness Education
Maverik, Inc.	410 E. Louise Ave.	Gas Station & Convenience Store
Usseri Design Build Company	16925 S. Harlan Rd.	Construction Design Company
Drumming 360RM LLC	107 D'Arcy Pkwy	Exercise Classes
Unified Transportation Services	16925 S. Harlan Rd.	Medical Transportation Services
Lathrop Quick Smog	181 D'Arcy Pkwy.	Auto Services
KKW Trucking, Inc.	18755 Business Park Ct.	Trucking Transportation
Willscot	16351 McKinley Ave.	Portable Storage

BUSINESSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND COMING SOON

Auto Zone	Stanford Crossing South	Auto Related Retail & Services
Tulip Kid's Academy	Lathrop Marketplace	Daycare/Preschool
Curry Pizza	Lathrop Marketplace	Pizza
Cold Stone Creamery	Lathrop Marketplace	Ice Cream
Kung Fu Tea	Lathrop Marketplace	Various Tea Drinks
Sourdough & Co.	Lathrop Marketplace	Sandwiches, Soups, & Salads
88 Bao Dumplings & Ramen	Lathrop Marketplace	Dumplings & Ramen
Redwood Café & Event Center	River Islands Town Center	Fine-Dining Restaurant
Sutter Health	Lathrop Marketplace	Urgent Care Services

Key: **Retail** **Service** **Industrial**

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Come in!
*** WE ARE ***
OPEN

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A NEW YEAR AND A SMARTER WAY TO TRAVEL



As we welcome a new year in Lathrop, it's the perfect time to embrace simpler, greener, and more convenient ways to get around. Lathrop Transit is excited to help you start the new year off right with the installation of brand-new bus stop signs along our "School Tripper" fixed route!

These updated signs make it easier than ever for students, families, and community members to spot their stop, plan their trip, and hop on board with confidence.

Here's why now is the perfect time to ride:

- The School Tripper is a fixed-route service with morning and afternoon routes that are reliable, predictable, and easy to use.
- Riding the fixed route is FREE through June 30, 2026, making it a great way to begin the year saving money.
- All stops and route maps are available online at the Schedules & Maps page: <https://www.lathropttransit.com/schedules-and-maps>.
- Need assistance or travel info? Visit the website or call 866-495-LIFT (5438).

A New Year, a Smarter Way to Travel

Choosing public transit is a simple way to make positive changes. It reduces traffic near schools, lowers your carbon footprint, and saves time and money. With new bus stop signage in place, catching the School Tripper is clearer and easier than ever.

Quick rider reminder:

Arrive a few minutes early, look for the new signs marking each official stop, and enjoy a smooth, no-cost ride. Let's make 2026 a year of convenience, sustainability, and community connection. Hop on the School Tripper and start the new year off right with Lathrop Transit!

New Payment Option for Water Utility Accounts!

We're excited to announce a convenient new way to pay your water utility bill! Customers with water utility accounts can now set up **recurring credit or debit card payments** directly through our secure online portal on the City of Lathrop website.

Why Choose Recurring Payments?

Peace of mind: Never worry about missing a due date.

Convenience: Payments are automatically processed each billing cycle.

Flexibility: Use your preferred credit or debit card.

Security: Our online portal is safe and easy to use.

Take Action Today

Set up your recurring payment plan now and enjoy hassle-free billing! Visit: www.ci.lathrop.ca.us



NEW BUSINESS LICENSES & RENEWALS – NEW ONLINE PLATFORM

The City's online business license platform was designed to streamline the application process for new Business Licenses and Business License Renewals. Please visit the City's website at <https://cityoflathropca-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#/home>, CA to create a

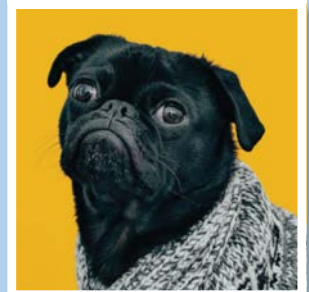


new profile. Renewals are as easy as logging in and following the prompts on your business license. If you have any questions, please contact our Business License Division at (209) 941-7320. **Renewals must be submitted and paid for by February 15, 2026, to avoid penalties.**

DOG LICENSE RENEWALS

ATTENTION PET OWNERS:

Did you get a new fur baby for the holiday? New dog licenses and license renewals can now be processed online. Visit <https://licensepet.com/Lathrop>. You will need: Rabies Vaccination Certificate and Spay and Neuter Certificate (if applicable). All licenses purchased online are final. **LICENSE RENEWAL PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2026.**



How to Get Started

Visit the City of Lathrop's official website at www.ci.lathrop.ca.us

• Navigate to the Water Utility Online Bill Pay.

• Login with your user name and password or

• Create an account if you are a first time user.

• Select the Recurring Payment option.

• Enter your account and card details to enroll.

That's it! Once set up, your payments will be handled automatically each month, saving you time and effort.

Important Note

Setting up automatic payment will take one billing cycle to take effect. You can still make one-time payments online, by mail, or in person if you prefer. Recurring payments are simply an additional option designed to make managing your water utility account easier.

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REPUBLIC SERVICES

CHRISTMAS TREE & LEAF Pick up

Place trees and BAGGED leaves curbside for pickup on your regularly scheduled day during the first two weeks of January.

- No artificial trees.
- Trees taller than 6' must be cut in half.
- BAGGED leaves can not exceed 50 lbs.
- Limbs cannot exceed 4' in length and 4" in diameter.

For more information call Republic Services at:
(209) 466-3604



The holidays may be over, but Republic Services is here to help you tidy up! They're offering **tree and leaf pickup**—and they'll even take away your **Christmas tree**, too!

When: First two weeks of January during regularly scheduled pick-up.

What: Tree & leaf pickup + Christmas tree collection (No artificial trees. Please discard all ornaments, nails, tinsel, lights, and tree stands.)

Contact Republic Services at 209-466-3604 for additional information.

JANUARY FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE



Winter brings colder nights, and the Lathrop-Manteca Fire District encourages all residents to stay warm safely. Home heating is a leading cause of winter fires. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, plug them directly into a wall outlet, and turn them off when unattended or before going to bed. If you use a fireplace, ensure your

chimney is clean and protected with a proper screen.

Winter storms can cause power outages. It's important to use flashlights instead of candles and keep all generators or fuel-burning devices outside to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Start the new year with a home safety check: test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms, replace batteries if needed, and review your family's home escape plan.

Together, we can keep Lathrop and our surrounding community safe this winter.



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REPUBLIC SERVICES



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

BULK TRASH PICK-UP

SCHEDULE YOUR PICK-UP TODAY!

CALL REPUBLIC SERVICES
209.466.3604

Republic Services offers Lathrop households 2 bulk item pick-ups per year at no additional charge.

In order to serve you better, bulk trash collection will now be done by appointment only. Please call Republic Services offices at 209.466.3604 during the months of February through November to schedule your collection date.

All bulky items to be discarded must be placed on the curbside on the evening before the scheduled pick-up date.

Items ACCEPTED for Pick-Up:

- Furniture
- E-Waste & Appliances (TV's, monitors, etc.)
- Please separate appliances and electronics from other trash items as they will be collected by a separate truck.
- Up to 4 tires without rims
- Bagged or boxed small items – Containers can weigh no more than 50 lbs.
- Republic Services will collect up to 2.5 cubic yards of bulky items. Your pile should be no more than 3 feet wide by 7.5 feet long by 3 feet high, including appliances.

Items NOT Accepted for Pick-Up:

- Loose or un-bagged items
- Bags or boxes over 50 pounds
- Engines and engine parts
- Hazardous waste and liquids
- Dirt, rock, concrete, bricks. Etc.

Any pile over 2.5 cubic yards will not be picked-up.

For more information about acceptable and unacceptable items, please visit [Republic Services website](https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/parksrec/page/residential-waste-services) or by phone at (209) 466-3604. Information is available on the City website at <https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/parksrec/page/residential-waste-services>.

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2026 Special Events Calendar				
Lathrop Your Guide to a Year of Fun! CITY OF LATHROP (209) 941-7372 www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/parksrec				
28-Mar Cousa-Bess with the Bunny 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Community Center	18-Apr Earth Day Recycling Event 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Generations Center	24 and 25-Apr Joyce Gatto Art Show Entry 24 - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and 25 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lathrop City Hall	28-Apr - 7-May Joyce Gatto Art Show Public View 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lathrop City Hall	16-May Community Garage Sale 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Generations Center
25-May Memorial Day Ceremony 11 a.m. Veterans Memorial Wall	5-Jun Movies in the Park Dark Generations Center	12-Jun Concerts in the Park Dark Generations Center	19-Jun Juneteenth 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Generations Center	1-Jul July 1st Celebration 8 p.m. Generations Center
10-Jul Movies in the Park Dark Generations Center	17-Jul Concerts in the Park Dark Generations Center	7-Aug Movies in the Park Dark Michael Vega Park	15-Aug Trunk-or-Treat 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Generations Center	21-Aug Concerts in the Park Dark Generations Center
18-Sep Family Fun Night & Movie 5 p.m. Generations Center	25-Sep Community Under the Stars 6 p.m. Generations Center	17-Oct Trunk-or-Treat 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Generations Center	11-Nov Veterans Day Ceremony 11 a.m. Community Center	5-Dec Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting 5 p.m. Valverde Park
12-Dec Santa with Socks 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Community Center	Teen Special Events GRIN			
1st Fridays Each Month Country Breakfast 8:30 a.m.	7-Feb Women's Dance 6 p.m. Lathrop Community Center	8-Feb Super Bowl Sunday 9 a.m.	26-Mar Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	17-Apr Special Event 10 a.m. Lathrop Community Center
11-Jun Father's Day Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	3-Sep Grandparents Day 11:30 a.m.	22-Sep Senior Resource Fair 9 a.m.	28-Oct Halloween Mystery Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	10-Dec Teen Men's Day Celebration 5 p.m.

THE 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR IS HERE!

Get ready for an exciting year! Our 2026 Special Events Calendar is now available, featuring community favorites, new activities, and plenty of opportunities to connect, celebrate, and have fun. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details as each event gets closer—we can't wait to see you there!



PARKS AND RECREATION
ACTIVITY FEE ASSISTANCE
\$250 PER HOUSEHOLD MEMBER
UP TO 75% PER PROGRAM

(209) 941-7370
WWW.CI.LATHROP.CA.US/PARKSREC

The City of Lathrop Activity Fee Assistance Fund is designed to assist qualifying Lathrop residents with registration fees for Parks and Recreation Programs.

Approved residents are eligible for a maximum of up to \$250.00 per fiscal year. Financial assistance will be granted to pay 75% of program fees, as long as funds are available.

For eligibility requirements and an application, please visit the City of Lathrop website at www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/parksrec.



FOOD TRUCK Vendor Call

INTERESTED IN BEING A FOOD TRUCK VENDOR?

PLEASE NOTE:

All food trucks must have a current permit from the San Joaquin County Department of Environmental Health.

All food trucks must have a current City of Lathrop Business License.

Vendors, their staff, employees and agents must comply with all vendor rules, fire codes, laws, ordinances, and regulations pertinent to health, fire prevention and public safety.

Alcohol sales are prohibited at City Events.

Please review California Health & Safety Code Section 114323.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2026

CITY OF LATHROP SPECIAL EVENTS

FOR A FULL LIST OF EVENTS DATES, RULES, FEES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES
CALL 209.941.7372

Calling All Food Truck Vendors!

We're gearing up for our 2026 special events season and are now accepting interest from food truck vendors who want to be part of the fun! If you offer delicious food, great service, and a memorable experience, we'd love to hear from you.

- All food trucks must have a current permit from the San Joaquin County Department of Environmental Health.
- All food trucks must have a current City of Lathrop Business License.
- Vendors, their staff, employees and agents must comply with all vendor rules, fire codes, laws, ordinances, and regulations pertinent to health, fire prevention and public safety.
- Alcohol sales are prohibited at City Events.
- Please review California Health & Safety Code Section 114323.

For a full list of event dates, rules, fees and application procedures, call 209.941.7372. Get ready to roll in and serve up something amazing in 2026!

CITY OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLIDAYS

January

- Jan 1 – *New Year's Day*
- Jan 19 – *Martin Luther King Day*

February

- Feb 16 – *Presidents Day*