

City of Lawton

March 2020

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Water meter readings are taken around the 20th day of each month. Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.

These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month. A \$25.00 Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

The star indicates "Recycle Day" (Use Gray/Pink carts, or small green tubs only)



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Community Coffee 9:30-11 a.m. Friendship Center	5 GARBAGE	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10★	11 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. Coffee @ Lawton Senior Living 9am	12 GARBAGE	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Community Coffee 9:30-11 a.m. Friendship Center	19 Spring Begins GARBAGE	20 Water bills due	21
22	23	24★	25 Coffee @ Lawton Senior Living 9am	26 GARBAGE	27	28
29	30	31	April 1— Census Day			

PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, GREASE, CONTRACEPTIVE PRODUCTS, DIAPERS, FLUSHABLE WIPES, CLOTHING, OR PAPER TOWELS DOWN YOUR TOILET. ONLY TOILET PAPER IS TO BE FLUSHED. THIS WILL HELP TO KEEP OUR SYSTEMS RUNNING SMOOTHLY. THANK YOU.

SNOW REMOVAL

The Public Works Department would like to thank all the citizens that removed their cars from the streets so plowing operations could take place. This makes the operation go much smoother. Remember, Spring begins March 19!

Move clocks ahead one hour on March 8!
The regular city council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Friendship Center

Solicitors in Town

- ♦ Spring is the time of year that door-to-door salesmen come around. Please remember to ask if they have a solicitors permit from City Hall. If they do not, tell them to get one before doing any business with them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17 — St. Patricks Party @ Lawton Senior Living 10:30am

April 4—Annual Easter Egg Hunt

June 12 & 13 — City Wide Rummages

Aug 10-15 — LawtonFest
Contact the F.A.M.I.L.Y Group for more information.

Tree & Brush Disposal Site

Here's a refresher about the rules regarding what may be disposed of at the City tree disposal site, and who may use the tree disposal site. **NO LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, GARDEN WASTE, OR WOOD CHIPS ARE ALLOWED TO BE PLACED AT THE SITE.** The site is available only for Lawton Residents and their trees, trimmings or branches from property within the City.

Having a contractor do the tree trimming or removal on your property? **YOU MUST INFORM THEM** to come in to City Hall and get a permit before disposing of materials from your residence. No building materials, treated lumber, or tree trunks larger than 34" in diameter are allowed. The disposal site is monitored by a surveillance camera and violators will be prosecuted per City Code Section 3.01.

Opportunity to have fun and build community:

"COMMUNITY COFFEE" is a fun event and an opportunity for all Lawton area residents to gather with friends, neighbors and meet others who will soon be friends. They gather at the Friendship Center from 9:30-11:00 on alternating Wednesdays. The March coffee dates are Mar 4th and 18th and is hosted by volunteers who have signed up. They invite you to come and check it out. If you have questions call 712-944-4942

CENSUS 101

The 2020 Census takes place on April 1, 2020. Here are a few facts regarding the Census.

Everyone Counts— The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.

It's in the Constitution — The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about fair representation. Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

It's about \$675 billion. The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.

It's about redistricting. After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty. Completing the census is mandatory; it's a way to participate in our democracy and say **"I COUNT!"**

Census data is being used all around you. Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy. Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, which create jobs. Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness. Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

Your privacy is protected. It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.

2020 will be easier than ever. In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online, by phone, or by mail.

GO TO [HTTPS://youtu.be/FBMVydqwOw](https://youtu.be/FBMVydqwOw) TO SEE THE IMPACT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE CENSUS.