

City of Lathrop Newsletter

Information and News for the Citizens of Lathrop  December 2006



Information for You

Brush Pickup Jan 2-12

Please combine your brush piles with your neighbors.

- Please bundle brush with string or twine, do not use wire.
- Limbs must not exceed 4 ft. in length and 4" in diameter.
- Bundles and bags cannot exceed 50 lbs.
- All leaves must be in bags.

Passports

- Yes, you can get your passport at City Hall.
- You can even have your pictures taken too.

The City Clerk's Office is a designated United States Department of State passport acceptance office.
Call: 209-941-7227



Holiday Parade December 9 at 5:00 p.m.



T'is the season to be merry so take a little time out from all the shopping, baking, wrapping, and decorating, and just enjoy this very special evening with your family, neighbors and friends. Of course, the guest of honor will be the man himself: Santa Claus. Lathrop's 2nd annual lighted Holiday Parade; "Holiday Around the World" will start at 5:00 p.m. on December 9th.

Santa Calls

Hey kids, Santa will be calling children in the Lathrop Community from the "North Pole" on December 13th. He wants to know all about your holiday wishes, good deeds and goals for next year. To receive a call from Santa, have your parents fill out the application form which is available at the Community Center.

Holiday Waste Pick-up Schedule

In order for our Allied Waste employees to enjoy the holidays with their families, there will be no service on December 25th and January 1st. Since these holidays fall on Mondays, collection service will be delayed by one day during those two weeks. Monday customers will be serviced on Tuesday, Tuesday customers on Wednesday, etc. Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday, December 30th and Saturday, January 6th.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

From Tuesday, December 26th through Saturday, January 6th, Allied Waste will collect Christmas trees for recycling on your regular service day. Place the tree at the curb. Remove all ornaments, lights, nails, stands and tinsel. If the tree is taller than 6 feet, it must be cut in half. Small trees may be placed in your green waste cart, but the lid must close completely. Flocked and fireproofed trees will be collected but not recycled. Please do not put flocked or fireproof trees in your green waste cart.

For further information on waste pickup please contact Allied Waste at 209-466-3604.

Annual Dog License Renewal

It's almost that time of year to renew your dog licenses. Licenses for the year 2007 will be available around the end of December. Don't forget to purchase your license for calendar year 2007 before February 1 to avoid penalty fees.



Did you Know...

Lathrop senior citizens are eligible for one free dog license per household? Please ask about it when you renew!

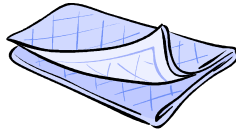
Lathrop Animal Services – 941-7240

Get the Warm Fuzzies: Donate your Spare Bedding to Shelter Dogs and Cats

Summer is over, Lathrop-area residents, and it's time for fall housecleaning. The animals awaiting adoption at the Shelter could sure use your spare towels, blankets and comforters.

The Lathrop Animal Services department welcomes all donations of clean bedding (please make sure it's free of buttons, zippers or other small decorations), which will go to good use in cozying up the cages. Donations will be accepted at our office located in City Hall.

The dogs and cats in your City are counting on you and appreciate your thoughtfulness. For more information, please call the office at (209)941-7240.



Expanded Customer Service

Remember, bill paying service has expanded. Now you are able to pay your City utility bills at the **Police Department 15597 Seventh Street, on December 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and December 21, same hours.**

Visit our website: www.ci.lathrop.ca.us

Happiness Is a Warm Pet



As the winter months approach, please keep in mind that all animals need shelter from cold, wet weather. The best way to protect pets is to keep them indoors. If animals are not allowed inside the home, alternate shelter such as a wind/water-proof doghouse, or access to the garage should be provided. Outdoor pets need more calories in the winter to produce body heat so you may

want to increase the amount of food you are feeding. Lathrop Animal Services reminds you to think about your pet's safety and recommends the following guidelines to protect your companion animal:

- Keep your cats inside. Outdoor cats can freeze, become lost or stolen, injured or killed.
- During the winter, seeking shelter and warmth, outdoor cats sometimes choose to sleep under the hoods of cars where it is warmer. Many cats have been seriously injured or killed by radiator fan blades after crawling up under the engine. On cold mornings, before starting your car you should bang loudly on the hood of your car or slap it noisily to startle any animal sleeping there and wait a few seconds to give the animal a chance to escape.

Meetings for December —The Public is Welcome

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
December 5	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall
December 6	7:00 p.m.	Youth Advisory Commission	Senior Center
December 7	9:30 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission	Senior Center
December 13	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall
December 19	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall
January 2, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall