

# May Newsletter

May 2017

## SUMMER OFFICE CLOSURES

**May 29** City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed

**July 4** City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed

## Lodi Utility News

WWW.LODIUTILITIES.ORG

### Office Hours

**MONDAY – FRIDAY, 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

### After Hour Emergencies

If you have an after-hours emergency for electric, water or wastewater, please call (608) 258-0027. This number should only be used for emergencies.

### Recycling Event

*Old computers and appliances taking up space in your garage? Now is the time to properly dispose of them.*

**June 24th, 8:00 am – 11:00 am**

Bring your old computers, electronics, and appliances to the Lodi Utilities & Public Works Shop to be recycled.

Fees do apply for monitors, televisions, and appliances, but there are many items that may be recycled for free including CPU's, laptops, old grills, snow blowers, vacuum cleaners and ceiling fans.

Monitors CRT and LCD (Flat Screen) - \$20 each

Televisions - \$20/\$40/\$60

Appliances - \$15/\$20/\$25/\$35

Lawnmowers – \$25 each (oil, gas, tires removed)

If you are buying a new refrigerator or freezer, Focus on Energy may pay you to pick up your old working refrigerator or freezer.

Recycling of most of these items (*no televisions or monitors*) is also available for **free** every Saturday from 10 am - Noon at the corner of Highway 113 and County Road J in Lodi.

Check our website for more information.

## Energy Rebates to Keep Cool

Lodi Utilities is again offering rebates to our customers for qualifying air conditioner tune-ups and for the planting of qualifying shade trees. Applications and additional information are available by visiting [www.lodiutilities.org](http://www.lodiutilities.org). Applications may also be picked up at city hall.

## Grass Clippings

Keep in mind the impact grass clippings have on the environment and your pocketbook when mowing your lawn this spring and summer. Grass clippings contain phosphorous which can change the nutrient levels of our creeks and streams. Do not blow your grass clippings into the street, as they can travel into the storm sewer system which leads to creeks and streams. This action may lead to higher sewer rates to treat the phosphorous. Refer to City Ordinance A-442 found in Chapter 253, Section 253.42A.1. Blowing grass clippings back onto your lawn helps with natural fertilization. Grass clippings can also be composted by taking them to the City of Lodi compost site found on Hwy K.

## Community Donations

As a locally owned, not-for-profit utility, Lodi Utilities invests in initiatives that benefit those who live and work in the community. Each year, \$1,500 from the Community Contributions Fund and \$1,000 from the Economic Development Partnership Fund are awarded to local causes. **Applications for grants must be turned in by June 30, 2017** and are available at City Hall or by visiting [www.lodiutilities.org](http://www.lodiutilities.org).

## Cease the Grease

When grease goes down the drain, it hardens and causes sewer pipes to clog. If pipes clog from putting grease down the drain, it can be a very expensive problem. To avoid household damage, as well as a costly bill, NEVER put grease down the drain!

## **City News**

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### **Citizen Satisfaction Survey**

The City of Lodi is conducting a Citizen Satisfaction Survey through May 31, 2017. The survey can be found online at [www.cityoflodi.us/CitizenSatisfactionSurvey](http://www.cityoflodi.us/CitizenSatisfactionSurvey). The survey is open to anyone who would like to respond (even those under 18 years of age). Paper copies are available at City Hall, the Lodi Public Library, the Lodi Police Department, Associated Bank, Downtown Coffee Grounds, Main Street Market Piggly Wiggly, Sugar Shack Bakery & Ice Cream Shop, and Wisconsin River Bank. Completed paper surveys should be returned to City Hall in-person or mailed to Lodi City Hall, 130 South Main Street, Lodi, WI 53555.

### **Goeres Park Swimming Pool**

The pool will open for the 2017 summer season Saturday, June 10 – Sunday, August 20. Individuals who frequent the pool should sign up for Pool Alerts on the city website through the “Notify Me” button at the bottom of the page. Participants will receive either a text message or an email (or both) whenever an alert is issued. Alerts are used to notify the public of any weather-related or unexpected closings. Visit the city’s website for more information regarding pool hours, rules, or weather policy.

### **The Latest News**

Visit the City of Lodi on Facebook and Twitter! Keep up with the most recent news in the City by liking us on Facebook (City of Lodi, WI) or following us on Twitter (@CityofLodiWI). Sign up for alerts on the City’s website, [www.cityoflodi.us](http://www.cityoflodi.us), by using the “Notify Me” button at the bottom of the page.

### **New to the City of Lodi?**

If you have recently moved to the City of Lodi, please stop by City Hall to pick up a Welcome Packet. Packets include information about recycling, voter registration, utility information, and the Lodi Public Library.

## **Street Projects**

Several street projects are underway in the City of Lodi. This year street work will be completed on Canning Street, Summit Street, Downey Street, Hill Street and Sodders Street. Through traffic and on-street parking will be prohibited while the work is performed. Slow down and watch for workers and equipment. Residents of these areas should contact city hall with any construction related questions.

## **Outdoor Burning**

Please remember that outdoor burning in the City of Lodi is limited to the burning of clean wood only. The burning of leaves, brush, garbage, etc. is prohibited. Leaves and small sticks may be taken to the city compost pile on highway K.

## **At-Large Alders**

The City’s Common Council has six alders—two from each of the three aldermanic districts. A change is being proposed to eliminate the three districts and elect alders to the Common Council at-large. This change eliminates the need for residential differentiation of candidates for election purposes. Prospective council members need only be residents of the City of Lodi. The change is proposed in an effort to encourage city-wide participation in the Common Council. The current system that requires candidates to reside in a particular district can, at times, complicate finding a candidate who is willing to serve. In order to make this change, the Common Council must pass an amendment to the city’s charter ordinance. Please feel free to share any questions or concerns regarding at-large alders with the mayor or any of the current alders.

## **Recycling**

Please use good judgment when placing recyclables at the curb in the event of strong winds on a recycling pick-up day. During previous strong wind events, many recycling bins tipped over sending recyclables throughout the city. Several residents also lost their bins. Please keep recycling inside for pick-up the following week or take recyclable materials to the city shop located at 249 Water Street.