

Fall Newsletter

October 2017

CITY HALL LOBBY HOURS

Nov 23 - 24 City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed

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Lodi Utilities 1907-2017

110th Anniversary Open House

Thursday, October 12

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Since 1907, Lodi Utilities has proudly served the City of Lodi. Lodi Utilities has provided electric distribution and water service, as well as wastewater service, during this time period. Please help us celebrate our **110th Anniversary** and stop into the Lodi Utilities office for some complimentary cake and pie (while supplies last). The Lodi Utilities office is located in City Hall at 130 S. Main Street.

Also, please fill out the prize entry form mailed with the September utilities bill for the drawing later in October. Awards include a grand prize of a \$100 residential bill credit or one of several \$50 residential bill credits. One entry form per residence is allowed. Forms are due by Thursday, October 26.

New Wind Energy Resource

Lodi Utilities' customers will soon receive more of their electricity from cost-effective renewable energy. An agreement between Lodi Utilities' not-for-profit wholesale supplier, WPPI Energy, and Invenergy means more energy will be purchased from the Bishop Hill III Wind Energy Center. This agreement will more than double the amount of energy Lodi Utilities receives from emission-free wind resources.

Lodi Utilities Website

Check out the fresh, new look of our Lodi Utilities website at www.lodiutilities.org. The website contains useful information for our customers from bill payment questions to energy saving tips.

Credit or Debit Card Payments

If you choose to pay by debit or credit card, you must use the online payment option on our website or call 1-877-885-7968. Our website option will link you to Payment Services Network (PSN). ***No other payment sites are officially authorized by Lodi Utilities for our customers.*** Be cautious of potential pop-up sites that are not accessed through our website. Lodi Utilities does not have an affiliation with any other bill payment site.

Energy Assistance

Energy Services for Columbia County will be at Lodi City Hall on the following dates for customers to apply for Energy Assistance:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5: 9:00 AM – NOON

Appointments are required. Please call 1-800-506-5596 to reserve your time

After Hour Emergencies

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

Appliance Recycling

Make room in your garage or basement by getting rid of that energy-hogging extra fridge or freezer. Focus on Energy will pick up appliances from your house for FREE, recycle it, and give you \$35. For FREE pick up, schedule today by calling 1-800-354-1898.

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***NEW* Refuse & Recycling Program**

At the September 19, 2017 Common Council meeting, the City of Lodi agreed to a new contract with Columbia County Solid Waste. This new contract includes the use of refuse and recycling carts.

❖ **When will carts be distributed?**

Refuse and recycling carts will be distributed in early December to all units within the city.

❖ **What is a unit?**

Units include single-family dwellings, all dwellings within duplexes, condominiums, and apartment buildings of five units or less, as well as small businesses which elect to use city refuse and recycling carts.

❖ **How large are the carts?**

Each refuse and recycling cart distributed is 95-gallons in size. If 95-gallon carts are too large, residents or businesses can elect to exchange the 95-gallon carts for 65-gallon carts **one time only** by February 28, 2018.

❖ **Who owns the carts? Who should be contacted for cart-related issues?**

Each refuse and recycling cart is owned by Columbia County Solid Waste. Any issues with a cart should be directed to their office, 608-742-6651.

❖ **What should I do with extra City of Lodi garbage bags and recycling bin?**

Once carts have been distributed, City of Lodi garbage bags and the open blue recycling bins are no longer required to dispose of refuse and recycling. All refuse and recycling must be disposed of in the cart. Residents and businesses should plan ahead with their purchases of garbage bags. Blue recycling bins can either be used for other purposes or can be recycled.

❖ **How will payment occur for the new program?**

The annual refuse and recycling program fee will be \$147 per unit collected. The program fee will be placed as a special fee on property tax bills.

❖ **Will the city's collection date change?**

No. Refuse and recycling will be collected Wednesdays between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM. However, refuse will be collected on a weekly basis while **recycling will be collected bi-weekly** (every other week).

Trick or Treating

Trick-or-treating in the City of Lodi will be Tuesday, October 31, from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The Lodi Police Department would like to remind trick-or-treaters to only visit places that are well lit and have a porch light on. Also, trick-or-treaters should be familiar with the individuals in the residence and never go alone. Candy should not be eaten until checked.



Fall Leaf Pick Up

Leaf pick up in the City of Lodi will be available this fall. City workers will circulate the city on a weekly basis picking up leaves. Please rake leaves (no garden waste, animal waste, brush or stones should be mixed in) to the curb, but NOT into the street or on sidewalks. Workers will not pick up leaves outside of the city limits. Burning of leaves is prohibited within the City. You may also dispose of leaves, grasses, and garden waste at the city compost site on Highway K. **There is not a set schedule for leaf pick up.** Please check our website at www.cityoflodi.us for additional information.

2018 Election Schedule

There will be four elections in 2018. New City of Lodi residents, those who have a change of address, or those who have a change of name should consider registering early in preparation for these elections. Registration is available at City Hall during regular business hours.

2018 Elections

Spring Primary – February 20, 2018

Spring Election – April 3, 2018

Partisan Primary – August 14, 2018

Fall General Election – November 6, 2018

The City is in need of poll workers. If interested, please contact the City Clerk at 608-592-0713.