

# Fall Newsletter

October 2015

## CITY HALL LOBBY HOURS

<b>Mon - Thurs</b>	7:30 AM to 4:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM to 11:00 AM
<b>Nov 26</b>	City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed
<b>Nov 27</b>	City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed

## Lodi Utilities News

[www.lodiutilities.org](http://www.lodiutilities.org)

### Energy Assistance

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs and energy crisis situations. Households must meet income and other requirements to qualify for a one-time heat or electric payment between Oct. 1 and May 15. Go to [www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov) or call 1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947) for more information.

### Energy Assistance Appointments

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 9 AM - NOON**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>, 1 PM – 3 PM**

**TUESDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 9 AM - NOON**

Appointments are required so 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.

## Paying Your Utility Bill

*The back of your utility bill describes all the options for paying your bill.*

### Pre-Authorized Payment (ACH)

We offer a free pre-authorized payment plan. On the due date shown on your monthly statement, the amount due will automatically be deducted from your checking account. Contact us at 592-3246 ext. 202 to learn more.

### Credit or Debit Card

If you choose to pay by debit or credit card, you must use the online payment option on the website ([www.lodiutilities.org](http://www.lodiutilities.org)) or call 1-877-885-7968. There is a \$2.95 per transaction fee along with a maximum payment of \$300. Payments are not submitted to the Utility Office until the following morning.

### Check or Money Order

If paying by check, please write the check in black or blue ink. You may mail your check, place it in the drop box in front of City Hall, or deliver it in person during normal City Hall office hours. Be sure to include the top portion of your bill.

### Cash

If paying by cash, please deliver it in person during normal City Hall office hours. Cash should never be mailed or put into the drop box.

### Bank Online Bill Payment

If using your personal bank's online bill payment, be sure to include your account number when setting up Lodi Utilities as a payee. Also, be aware of how many days it takes your bank to cut us a check and mail it to us as it is not an electronic payment to Lodi Utilities.

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## Elections

### 2016 Dates

**SPRING PRIMARY - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**SPRING ELECTION - TUESDAY, APRIL 5**

**FALL PRIMARY ELECTION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 9**

**GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

### Registration

Within 20 days of an election, you may register in the City Clerk's Office with proof of address. On Election Day, you may register to vote at your polling place with proof of address.

### Voter Photo ID Law

The photo id law will be enforced for the 2016 spring elections. For detailed information on the Photo ID Law, visit [www.bringit.wi.gov](http://www.bringit.wi.gov).

### Voting Absentee

Absentee ballots are kept sealed and secure in the Clerk's Office until counted at the polls on Election Day. You may vote absentee in the Clerk's Office beginning the 15th day before an election and ending the Friday before an election. A valid Photo ID must be provided unless you are exempt (military voter, permanent overseas voter, etc.).

### Running for Local Office

State statute requires individuals interested in seeking election to complete the following forms:

- Declaration of Candidacy (GAB-162)
- Campaign Registration Statement (GAB-1)
- Nomination Papers (GAB-169)

These forms are available at City Hall or online at the Government Accountability Board's web site [www.gab.wi.gov](http://www.gab.wi.gov).

### Election Day

**A valid Photo ID must be provided.** You should also bring along proof of residence in case you need to register at the polls. Polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. If you move within 28 days of an election, you will need to vote at the polling place for your previous address.

## Trick or Treating

Trick or Treating in the City of Lodi will be on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00 PM thru 8:00 PM. The Lodi Police Department would like to remind children to only go to places that are well lit and have a porch light on. Trick-or-Treaters should also be familiar with the individuals in the residence and never go alone. Candy should not be eaten until an adult has checked it. If you see any suspicious activity, please notify the Lodi Police Department right away.



## Fall Leaf Pick Up

Leaf pick up in the City of Lodi will begin October 12<sup>th</sup>. 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. There is not a set schedule for leaf pick up. 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.

## 2016 Dog Licenses

*Available December 2015 at City Hall.*

Dog licenses are renewed at the beginning of each year and expire at the end of each year. The dog license fee schedule is as follows:

Neutered Male	\$10.00
Male	\$15.00
Spayed Female	\$10.00
Female	\$15.00

If the dog license is renewed after March 31<sup>st</sup>, there is a \$5.00 late fee per dog. A copy of the rabies certificate must accompany the dog license application for each dog.