

Summer Newsletter

May 2016

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

May 30 City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed

July 4 City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed

Sept 5 City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed

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Office Hours

Beginning in May, City Hall & Lodi Utilities lobby hours will be as follows:

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 25th, 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, appliances, and fluorescent light bulbs but there are many items that may be recycled for free including cpu's, laptops, old grills, ceiling fans, and lawn mowers.

Monitors - \$20 each

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

Appliances - \$15/\$25

Freon-containing Appliances - \$20/\$35

Fluorescent Light Bulbs: 4' and 8' - \$1 each

Check our website for more information.

Energy Rebates to Keep Cool

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until allocated funds are spent.

Central AC Tune-Up Rebate

Lodi Utilities' Central Air Conditioner Tune-Up program offers a \$25 rebate to business and residential customers for the services of a professional service technician. The technician will perform an inspection that includes cleaning and lubricating the air conditioner's parts and checking for good working order. To qualify, customers must have a central air conditioning unit of five tons or less and have not received a tune-up rebate within the last three years (2013-2015).

Without regular maintenance, air conditioning performance declines and energy usage increases. It is also important to replace air conditioning filters regularly according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Qualifying tune-ups must be completed between May 1 and September 20, 2016. Application forms may be picked up at City Hall or printed from our website. A receipt or invoice from the technician must be included with your application which must be returned to the Utility office by October 31, 2016.

Shade Tree Rebate

Shade trees on the south and west sides of your home can help reduce air conditioning costs in the summer and allow warm sunlight into the home during the winter. Lodi Utilities is offering up to a \$50 rebate toward the purchase of a new qualifying shade tree that is planted on the south or west side of your home.

Qualifying purchases must be made between May 1 and September 30, 2016 and the rebate request must be returned to the Utility Office by September 30, 2016. Additional information is available on the application form that can be picked up at City Hall or printed from our website.



Cease the Grease

When Fats, Oil, and Grease go down the drain, it hardens and causes sewer pipes to clog. This can lead to a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) where raw sewage actually backs up into your home, lawn, neighborhood, and streets. If your pipes become clogged from putting grease down the drain, it can be a very expensive problem to fix. To avoid household, environmental damage, as well as a costly bill, NEVER put Fats, Oil or Grease down the drain!

Wipe grease off the pot or pan with a paper towel and throw it away. Or pour cooled oil and fats into non-recyclable containers and then dispose with the trash.

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, \$1500 from the Community Contributions Fund and \$1000 from the Economic Development Partnership Fund are awarded to local causes.

This year's funds were donated as follows: Friends of the Lodi Pool, Reach Out Lodi, Inc Community Store and Community Center, Lodi School District and Lodi Fire Department for Lighted Handheld Stop Signs, Lodi & Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce for Holiday Parade, Lodi Softball League for fencing and Farmers Market for brochures.

In addition, Lodi Utilities awards a \$1000 High School Scholarship to a Lodi High School Senior.

Wastewater Rate Study

Based on a recent rate sufficiency study, the Utilities Commission has recommended a decrease of 3.9% in the fixed rate charge and an increase of 33% in the volume charge effective June 1st. A rate adjustment is needed to cover the continuing costs of operating the Wastewater Utility.

Please check the City or Utility Website to view the complete study.

Coming Soon – Online Account Access

Soon you will be able to manage your account from home anytime of the day or night. Through your online account, you will be able to look up your bill, payment and consumption history. The web portal will also link you to online bill payment, service change requests if you are moving, ability to report a street light out and more. Stay tuned for more information on how to sign up.

City News

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The Latest News

The City of Lodi is on Facebook and Twitter. Keep up on the most recent news in the City by liking us on Facebook (City of Lodi, WI) or following us on Twitter (@CityofLodiWI). You can also sign up for alerts on the City's website, www.cityoflodi.us, by using the Notify Me button at the bottom of the page.

City Pool

The Pool will be opening on Saturday, June 11th, for the summer season. We recommend individuals that frequent the pool sign up for Pool Alerts on the City website through the Notify Me button at the bottom of the page. You will then receive a text message or an email (your choice) whenever an alert is issued. Alerts are used to post for any weather or unexpected closings. Check the website for more information on pool hours, rules or weather policy.