

# Winter Newsletter

December 2015

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Dec 24** City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed

**Dec 25** City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed

**Jan 1** City Hall & Lodi Utilities Closed

## City News

[www.cityoflodi.us](http://www.cityoflodi.us)

### Property Taxes

*Property tax bills will be in the mail by December 21<sup>st</sup> per state law.*

Property tax bill information can be found by visiting the Columbia County webpage and clicking on "Tax Parcel Data Search & E-Pay Taxes." Property tax bills must either be paid in full by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 or the first installment must be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at City Hall or Associated Bank. Second installments are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, and Columbia County will send a card with instructions on how it can be paid.

### ASSOCIATED BANK

Once again this year, as an added convenience, City of Lodi tax payments may be paid at the teller counter of the Associated Bank branch in Lodi. They will not accept payments at the drive up window. Associated Bank will not be able to deposit escrow checks that exceed the amount of taxes due. Those payments must be made at City Hall.

### ASSOCIATED LOBBY HOURS

<b>MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY</b>	8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
<b>DECEMBER 24TH</b>	8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
<b>DECEMBER 25TH</b>	CLOSED
<b>DECEMBER 31ST</b>	8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

## Winter Reminders

*Please keep the following in mind during the winter months.*

### Snow Emergency Parking Restrictions

From November 15th, 2015 through April 15th, 2016, a snow emergency exists in the City of Lodi whenever a snowfall is predicted to reach a depth of three inches or more during any period of 24 hours or less. No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle upon the streets or any portion of the streets of any posted emergency snow route during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 7:00 AM. For more information, please visit the city's website: [www.cityoflodi.us](http://www.cityoflodi.us).

### Snow & Ice Removal from Sidewalks

Property owners, occupants, or the person in charge of each building, structure, or unoccupied lot in the city are responsible for cleaning the full width of the sidewalk in front of or adjoining each home, building or unoccupied lot, including the portion of the sidewalk bordering the crosswalk. This includes the curb ramp, if any, regardless of the source of the snow accumulation or ice. Snow and ice must be cleared by 11:00 AM. If snow continues to fall after 11:00 AM, then it must be removed within three hours of daylight the day after the snow stops falling. For more information, please visit the city's website.

### Fire Hydrants

In case of an emergency, please keep fire hydrants accessible throughout the winter months.

### Brush Pick Up

Starting in January, the winter schedule for brush pick up will be every other week.

### Christmas Tree Disposal

Please place Christmas Trees at the curb, not in the street, for disposal. Make sure to remove all ornaments, lights, and decorations.

## 2016 Dog Licenses

Available now 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 will be a \$5.00 late fee per dog license. A copy of the rabies certificate must accompany the dog license application for each dog.

## Tax Incremental Financing

Thinking of expanding or improving your business property? The City of Lodi is looking to assist local businesses with funding for infrastructure and redevelopment through tax incremental financing. With a public and private partnership, the city can help pay for streets, sewers, parking lots, and demolishing or rehabbing buildings to help your business grow. Contact Dona Newman, Director of Administration, for assistance. 608-592-3247 ext. 205; [dnewman@wppienergy.org](mailto:dnewman@wppienergy.org)

## Elections

The first election in 2016 will be the Spring Primary held on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Proof of ID & Proof of Residence

Photo ID (Proof of Identification) will be in force for the upcoming elections. Proof of ID is different than Proof of Residence.

- Proof of identification proves who you are and must be presented in order to **receive a ballot**.
- Proof of residence proves where you live and must be presented when you **register** to vote.

Some documents may be used as proof for both. Information on what documents may be used for proof can be found on the following website: [bringit.wisconsin.gov](http://bringit.wisconsin.gov).

## 2016 Park Shelter Reservations

The City will begin accepting 2016 park shelter reservations on Monday, January 4, 2016. The Groves Shelter in Habermann Park and the Gluth Shelter in Goeres Park may be reserved from the first weekend in May to the last weekend in September. To learn more, please visit the City's website. Click on the "I Want To" link at the top of the home page and then select "Reserve" and "Park Shelter". Reservations are on a first paid basis.

## 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](http://www.cityoflodi.us), by using the Notify Me button at the bottom of the page.

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## Lodi Utility News

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

### Pre-Authorized Payment (ACH)

Following our last newsletter, we had a great response from customers opting to sign up for the free pre-authorized payment plan. If you are still interested in signing up to have your payment automatically deducted from your checking account on the due date, please call us at 592-3246 ext. 202 to learn more.

### Energy Assistance

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. If the phone is busy, choose option 1 and leave a message for someone to return your call.

### 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.