

Starting January 2016 Water Billing will be on Monthly Billing Cycle, but the CITY'S NEWSLETTER WILL REMAIN ON A QUARTERLY CYCLE.

# January 2016

## City of Atwater Quarterly Newsletter

### RECYCLING SCHEDULE 2016



JANUARY 6TH & 20TH  
FEBRUARY 3RD & 17TH  
MARCH 2ND, 16TH & 30TH

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

JANUARY 6TH  
FEBRUARY 3RD  
MARCH 2ND

City Council meetings begin at 7 pm on the 1st Wednesday of the each month.

### "NO" PARKING

The City Ordinance for "NO" Parking is in affect from now until April 1st. Any vehicle parked on the street between the hours of 2 am—7 am will be ticketed.

If you need to park on the street PLEASE call the Police Department @ 974-8900.



### SNOW REMOVAL

Please, be aware of the city ordinance for snow removal. The ordinance states that residents have 12 hours to remove snow & ice from the sidewalks after a snowfall.

Please re-member kids are using the sidewalks on the way to school. Thank You!!



### 2016 PET LICENSE

The 2016 Pet License are "NOW" available. \$10 per license until March 15th, after that date the price is \$15.

### ANIMAL HEALTH SERVICE ANNUAL VETERINARY CLINIC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:30 AM—11 AM  
301 PLEASANT AVENUE WEST



Dr. Kim Olson will providing animal vaccinations such as Rabies & Distemper. The 2016 City Pet License will also be available for \$10 a tag.



### NEW REMOTE READ WATER METERS



INTRODUCING YOUR NEW NEPTUNE WATER METER

Your new Neptune meter is a radio frequency unit that collects meter usage data & transmits the data for collection. This data is transmitted to a Neptune Mobile Handheld device used by the meter readers.

**FEATURES**—The data logging capability provides up-to-the hour consumption data that is recorded as it happens, every hour on the hour. The leak indicator checks usage every 15-minutes in a 24-hour period.  
**LIGHT SENSOR**—Recessed small hole (next to the flashlight icon). Supplies the power for LCD panel (light activated).  
**FLOW INDICATOR**—Shows the direction of the flow through the meter.  
**LEAK INDICATOR**—Displays a possible leak.  
**RATE OF FLOW**—Average flow rate is displayed every 6 seconds on LCD display.  
**LCD DISPLAY**—Nine digit LCD displays the meter reading in billing units of gallons.

### TO READ YOUR NEPTUNE METER

Shine a flashlight on the photoelectric eye (look for the flashlight icon) to activate screen. The screen will begin to flash between "Reading" & "Rate".

The new water meter reading device will improve the billing process by eliminating most estimated billing

### ATWATER'S CENTENNIAL PARK SHELTER

Having a **FAMILY REUNION, GRADUATION, BOY OR GIRL SCOUT MEETINGS, BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PARTIES** or a **COMPANY PICNIC**? Centennial Park Shelter is available for Spring, Summer & Fall activities. You can reserve the park shelter by calling the City Office @ 974-8760. The shelter is available **FREE OF CHARGE**.



## ATTENTION! EFT Payments

All new meter's have been installed. Starting with January 2016 Water & Sewer Billing cycle will be monthly. January billing will be due on the 15th of the month. The EFT Payments will be also transferred on the 15th of each month, instead of the 18th of each month. If you have any questions, please call 974-8760.

### ATWATER HELP FOR SENIORS ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S DAY PIE & ICE CREAM EVENT



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

ATWATER COMMUNITY CENTER  
1 PM—4 PM  
HOMEMADE PIES!!  
EVERYONE WELCOME!!



All proceeds go to the Atwater Help for Seniors Program

### ROSENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL Bake Sale! AND Luncheon



### Lunch Menu

BBQ  
Egg salad  
Sandwich  
Potato Salad  
Baked Beans  
Pie

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH  
8:30 AM—1:30 PM

ATWATER COMMUNITY CENTER

CRAFT SALE  
MORNING COFFEE WITH  
YOUR CHOICE OF A ROLL OR  
MUFFIN, THEN STAY  
FOR LUNCH!!  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!



### SENIOR HAPPENINGS IN ATWATER

Walkers Program—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday @ 8:30 am

**BONE BUILDERS**—Monday & Wednesday @ 5 pm & Monday & Thursday @ 10 am

**EXERCISE PROGRAM**—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday @ 8 am.

**SENIOR DINING PROGRAM**—Monday thru Friday. No Meals on Holidays.



Any questions about the many available programs call Atwater Area Help for Seniors @ 974-8737.



2016 PET LICENSE "NOW AVAILABLE" @ THE CITY OFFICE & ANIMAL HEALTH SERVICES



**REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES IN SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**



**ATWATER CITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH**



**PRESIDENT'S DAY  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**

*Take Note*

**ORDINANCE #2015-01**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20.304 OF ORDINANCE #20 TITLED "PUBLIC NUISANCES AFFECTING PEACE & SAFETY"**

IS A STREET LIGHT NEAR YOU BURNED OUT OR GOING ON & OFF?  
CALL THE CITY OFFICE @ 974-8760 TO REPORT OUTAGE.

**IMPORTANT!** **ORDINANCE**  
**PLEASE READ** **#2015-02**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CITY WATER SERVICE**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF ATWATER ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Paragraph (13) of Section 20.304 of Ordinance Chapter 20 adopted on November 7, 1979, amended June 25, 1981 & titled "Public Nuisances Affecting Peace & Safety" is amended to read:

(13) Accumulation or storage in the open in predominately residential areas of discarded or disused machinery, household appliances, automobile bodies, unused or inoperable motor vehicles of any kind, or other material, manner conducive to the harboring of rats, mice, snakes or vermin, or the rank growth of vegetation among the items so accumulated or in a manner creating fire, health or safety hazards from such accumulations or in a manner which annoys, injures or endangers the comfort or repose of any considerable numbers of members of the public. No more than three licensed, insured and operable motor vehicles per lawful dwelling unit may be parked or stored anywhere outside on a predominately residential area, excluding vehicles of occasional guests who do not reside on the property. Boats, unoccupied trailers & recreational vehicles less than 25 feet in length are permissible if stored in the rear or side yard or driveway. Storage boats, unoccupied trailers & recreational vehicles, over 25 feet in length, or the storage of more than one commercial or industrial vehicle or article of equipment is prohibited unless a special use permit is issued by the City Clerk for such use. The existing uses shall comply with this provision within three (3) months following enactment of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** A new paragraph (19) of Section 20.304 of Ordinance Chapter 20 adopted November 7, 1979, amended June 25, 1981 and titled "Public Nuisances Affecting Peace & Safety" is adopted to read:

(19) No person shall make or cause to be made any distinctly & loudly audible noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, safety or welfare of a reasonable person or persons, or precludes their enjoyment of property, or adversely affects their property's value. This general prohibition is not limited by the specific prohibitions contained in the following paragraphs.

(a) The following acts are hereby declared to be loud, disturbing & unnecessary noises & are public nuisances in violation of this chapter but said enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

- i) The sounding of any horn, whistle, siren or signaling devices except as a danger warning;
- ii) The operation of any noise-creating vehicle, machinery or equipment powered by an electric or internal combustion engine unless that engine is equipped with a muffler device sufficient to deaden the noise;
- iv) The operation of any other vehicle in such manner as to create through the use of any mechanical component of that vehicle. This section shall include the use of engine brakes by motor vehicles unless such use is required as a result of an emergency situation;
- v) Excavation activities or erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any structure in such manner as to create noise which is audible at a distance of fifty feet or more from the site thereof between the hours of 10 pm & 6 am.

(b) This section shall not apply to sound produced by the following:

- i) Amplifying equipment used in connection with activities sponsored by ACGC School District;
- ii) Anti-theft devices & security alarms;
- iii) Machines or devices for the production of sound or in authorized emergency vehicles;
- iv) Horns, sirens, whistles or other signaling devices used as danger warning;
- v) Excavation, construction, demolition, alteration or repair activities authorized by the City Building Inspector;
- vi) Snow removal operations on commercial property or public right-of-way;
- vii) Church bells, chimes, carillons or school bells.

(c) The terms of this paragraph (19) shall apply to any loud noise, disturbing or unnecessary sound whether produced on public or private property & whether indoors or outdoors or in a motor vehicle.

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.** This Ordinance amends Section 4.113 & 4.123 of the Atwater City Code of 1984.

**SECTION 2. FIRST AMENDMENT.** Section 4.123 shall be amended to read as follows:

4.123 **SERVICE.** All water rents shall be due & payable monthly to the City Clerk-Treasurer or other authorized representative of the City. If monthly bill is not paid within fifteen (15) days after the billing is mailed to the customer, penalties will be assessed, & if not paid within 30 days thereafter (the 15th of the next month), the water shall be shut off until all arrearages, penalties, cost of collection & cost of shutting off & restoring service have been paid. Charges for water service are hereby made the primary obligation of the owner, lessee & occupant of each premises & non-payment thereof, the Council may proceed against any or all of them in any court of competent jurisdiction for the recovery thereof, together with costs & reasonable attorney's fees. Failure to return the meter reading within fifteen (15) days will also result in penalties, & if not returned within (30) days thereafter will result in water service being shut off.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force & effect upon its passage & publication.



**ORDINANCE'S #2015-01 & #2015-02** were Passed by the **ATWATER CITY COUNCIL** on the **2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015**  
**FIRST REVIEW**—September 2nd & October 7th, 2015  
**SECOND REVIEW**—October 7th & November 4th, 2015