



# City of Atwater

## UTILITY CUSTOMER NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

### CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Should you wish to contact the Mayor, Council Members, or Merced County Supervisor District 3 you may contact them directly at the following:

#### Mayor:

Jim Price  
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#### Council Members:

Brian Raymond  
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Correspondence to the Mayor and the Council Members can be sent to:

City of Atwater  
750 Bellevue Road  
Atwater, CA 95301

#### Merced County Supervisor, District 3

Daron McDaniel - (209) 495-7086  
[dmcdaniel@co.merced.ca.us](mailto:dmcdaniel@co.merced.ca.us)  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at City Hall.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS SCHEDULE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**City Council & Fire Protection District**  
2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

**City of Atwater Community Development and Resources Commission**  
3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The City will be closed December 25, December 26, January 1 and January 2 for the holidays as well as Fridays

### HOURS & CONTACTS FOR CITY OFFICES

#### Finance Department

(209) 357-6310  
(209) 357-6313  
Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Call the finance department regarding your water bill, starting or ending service and/or trash service



#### Building Division (Permits)

(209) 357-6343  
Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm

#### City Clerk's Office

(209) 357-6205  
Monday – Thursday 8 am – 6 pm  
City Clerk's office provides Notary Services for \$10 per signature. For more information contact the City Clerk's Department at (209) 357-6205

#### Public Works

(209) 357-6370  
Monday – Thursday 6 am – 3:30 pm  
Report problems related to Water, Sewer, Parks, City Trees, Street Lights, and Traffic Signal, etc.  
If you have an emergency after public works is closed, please call (209) 357-6396 to report the problem.

#### Police Non Emergency

(209) 357-6396  
(209) 357-6384 (Records)  
(209) 357-6287 Neighborhood Watch  
Monday – Thursday  
9 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 4 pm  
(After hour's assistance: Use the phone in the police lobby. Dispatch is available 24 hours a day)

#### Planning Division

(209) 357-6342  
Monday – Thursday 8 am – 6 pm

#### Community Development Department

(209) 357-6367  
Monday – Thursday 8 am – 6 pm

#### Recreation Department

(209) 357-6320  
Monday – Thursday 8 am – 5 pm

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Please remember for all non emergency calls to the Police Department, the phone number to call is 357-6396. PLEASE REMEMBER FOR NON EMERGENCY CALLS TO THE ATWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT THE CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER IS: 357-6396

### CHRISTMAS DROP IN

Drop the kids off during Christmas vacation! There will be recreational and non-recreational activities such as arts and crafts and other fun things to keep the kids busy.

The program will run Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm starting Thursday, December, 21 thru Friday, January, 5 and will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.

Cost: \$100 per child. Ages: 6-13

PLEASE NOTE: If we do not get enough kids to sign-up, this program will be cancelled

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 14, 2017 or call the office to see if there is still available room.

Drop in will take place at the Castle Youth Center inside of Veterans Park. (Corner of Buhach Road and Bellevue Road)

Registration will take place at the Atwater Community Center located at 760 E. Bellevue Road, Atwater (across from Osborn Park)

For more information, please call (209) 357-6320

### DRUNK DRIVING RUINS THE HOLIDAYS

#### Police Aim to Save Lives with 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Crackdown

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. We've got to work together to make our roads safer this December and year-round so be alert and 'Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911!

Please follow these simple tips to stay safe:

- Plan a safe way to get home **before** you attend the party. Alcohol impairs judgment, as well as reaction time. If you're impaired you're more likely to choose to drive drunk.
- Designate a sober driver; take public transportation, a car service, or a call a sober friend of family member to get home.

- Walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as drunk driving. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.
- If you see someone you think is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them get home safely.

Remember, driving after drinking should never be an option. *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.*

### **NOTICE OF VACANCY ON THE ATWATER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES COMMISSION**

The City of Atwater has 3 vacancies on the Atwater Community Development and Resources Commission. If interested in serving on the Commission and you are a qualified elector residing within the corporate limits of the City of Atwater, an application may be obtained at the reception counter of City Hall, 750 Bellevue Road, during normal business hours or online at [www.atwater.org](http://www.atwater.org). Applications are to be submitted to the City Clerk.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (209) 357-6205.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL**

Live Christmas tree's must be cut up and placed in your green can. We will not be picking them up from the road.

### **GYMNASTIC AND DANCE CLASSES**

Registration for Gymnastics, Ballet and Hip Hop Dance Classes for kids are going on now.

For more information, please call 357-6320 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

### **STREET SWEEPING & LEAF PICK-UP**

That chill is in the air and shorter days mean that soon "Tree City USA" will be awash in fallen leaves. Residents are being reminded again to participate in Atwater's leaf pickup program. The program begins November 2017, and will continue through January 2018, or longer if conditions call for it. Leaves will be collected on City streets once each week, with some sections collected more often.

Please put your leaves out the day before your scheduled pick up.

Here are the technical details:

Leaves shall be raked into the street in rows, parallel to the curb and about two feet away - not in piles - no more than 18 inches high and four feet wide. Vehicles shall be parked off the street on leaf pickup days. Also, portable basketball hoops and trash cans will be off the street.

Residents in cul-de-sacs are asked to place leaves at least four feet from the curb, and to park off the street.

There will be no debris such as sticks, rocks, grass and branches in the leaf rows. Leaves from the backyards should not be placed on the street for pickup until street tree leaf drops have subsided. Do not mulch leaves that you put in the street. If leaf blowers are being used, keep within 4' width limit and no more than 18" from the curb except in cul-de-sacs.

There will be some flexibility to the pickup schedule in the accompanying map. Pickup days for some locations may vary due to the weather, the amount of leaves, or customer concerns.

Some scheduled routes will be checked and leaves picked up on days that aren't scheduled because of rain.

Residents who find their leaves are not getting picked up should consider the following:

Were leaves placed in the street for the right pickup date?

Did low tree branches prevent access? Please call Parks Maintenance @ 357-6370

Was foreign debris mixed with the leaves?

Were leaves packed? For example, packed in garbage cans then dumped in the street without spreading?

Was there a large amount of green leaves not loosely spread?

Were the leaves not on a paved surface?

Were cars parked too close?  
Keep leaf rows at least 20' from the front and back of any parked vehicles.

Do not put leaves in street traffic lanes.

Finally, a soft reminder - leaf rows make tempting targets for cars or other vehicles. Instruct children not to play in the leaves at the side of the road

### **PREPARE YOURSELF**

Fall and winter is knocking at the door, so while it's still warm enough, open up all your windows and turn your house heaters on for a few minutes. This will help to dissipate the smell of the dust that comes from starting our heaters for the first time in months or more and the chances of setting off your smoke detectors.

Also this will help to see if your unit needs any maintenance before you really need to have it working when it gets colder.

### **ATTENTION JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL KIDS**

Need a place to hang out. Want to play basketball games? Come and play pool, air hockey, foosball, etc. Castle Youth Center located on the corner of Buhach Road and Bellevue Road inside Veterans Park is now open Friday and Saturday nights from 7 pm to 11 pm.

**Dress Code:** No exposed underwear, pants must be worn at the waist, No bare feet, appropriate footwear is required, No see-through clothing or bare midriff, No alcohol, drug advertisements, or profanities, No clothing that shows disrespect for the American Flag, No Gang-related attire, No inappropriately ripped or torn clothing  
There will be a \$3 admission fee or \$20 monthly pass. Snack Bar - Prices vary

### **YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

There is madness in the air so get your young hoopsters ready to play! The Community Services Department will begin registration Monday, October 30, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will continue through Tuesday, November 21, 2017 or until the program fills, whichever comes first. We will be offering the following levels of play this year:

#### **Boys & Girls PeeWee**

Currently enrolled in K thru 2nd Grade

#### **Boys Midget**

Currently enrolled in 3rd or 4th Grade

#### **Girls Midget**

Currently enrolled in 3rd or 4th Grade

#### **Boys Bantam**

Currently enrolled in 5th or 6th Grade

#### **Girls Bantam**

Currently enrolled in 5th or 6th Grade

#### **Boys Junior Varsity**

Currently enrolled in 7th & 8th Grade

#### **Girls Junior Varsity**

Currently enrolled in 7th, 8th & 9th Grade

#### **Coed Varsity**

Boys currently enrolled in 9th - 12th Grade & Girls currently enrolled in 10th - 12th Grade

The fee to participate in the Youth Basketball league will be \$60.00 for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> and \$45 for grades K through 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **OSBORN PARK TENNIS COURT KEYS**

The Osborn Tennis Court key is available for sale. If you wish to purchase a key, please come to the Atwater Community Center, which is located at 760 E. Bellevue Road, (across from Osborn Park) Mon - Thurs from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

