



# City of Atwater

## UTILITY CUSTOMER NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

### 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  
(209) 777-0675  
[jprice@atwater.org](mailto:jprice@atwater.org)

#### Council Members:

Brian Raymond  
(209) 676-0671  
[braymond@atwater.org](mailto:braymond@atwater.org)

James Vineyard  
(209) 769-4050  
[jvineyard@atwater.org](mailto:jvineyard@atwater.org)

Cindy Vierra  
(209) 201-2463  
[cvierra@atwater.org](mailto:cvierra@atwater.org)

Paul Creighton  
(209) 683-3016  
[pcreighton@atwater.org](mailto:pcreighton@atwater.org)

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.

### 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

### SPRING CLEAN UP - RESCHEDULED

Due to weather the Spring Clean-up has been rescheduled.

Republic Services will be conducting a Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Check-In Point will be at Buhach Colony High School back parking lot off Avenue Two. Entrance only allowed from East Bound Lane.

Atwater residents can dispose of large items that don't fit into regular refuse containers free of charge.

This cleanup is ONLY for residents who live within the city limits. You will be required to show two proof of residency so please bring a utility bill and driver's license.

You can take furniture, computers, carpet remnants, flooring, roofing materials, tires and/or rims, household appliances (refrigerators, microwaves, stoves, washer/dryer), and general trash.

No yard waste or green waste allowed at the clean up. Please use your green waste can.

You can NOT take any concrete, oil (car or cooking), Batteries, Anti Freeze, Household and Garden Chemicals, Paint cans full or empty, Haz-Mat Chemicals, Pressurize Canisters, and/or any other hazardous materials.

E-Waste will be accepted.

Only 9 tires will be allowed for per load.

There will be a separate van for mattresses. Please bring all your old mattresses.

### NATION DAY OF PRAYER

2018 National Day of Prayer event

You are cordially invited to the City of Atwater's annual event: National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at City Hall, inside City Council Chambers located at 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, CA

For more information, please contact Margarita Saavedra at 209-357-6370 or [ms@atwater.org](mailto:ms@atwater.org)

**Event Details:** This is the Nations annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May,

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Clean-up is **rescheduled** for Saturday, May 19, 2017

designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The 2018 theme is "Unity".

### **LOVE ATWATER**

Love Atwater will be having an event on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Come out and help beautify Atwater. Let's make a difference in our Community. Rally Starts at 8:00 a.m. at Ralston Park.

**We need volunteers!** Please sign up by March 31, 2018 for a project at [www.loveatwater.com](http://www.loveatwater.com) and go to [Projects](#) and then [Sign Up!!!](#) For more info, please email Gloria Perez at [loveatwater.123@gmail.com](mailto:loveatwater.123@gmail.com)

### **FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR**

Atwater City, CA - Fire Captain Blaine Lopes has been named as the City of Atwater 2017 Firefighter of the Year for his devotion to our community and his passion for helping develop the firefighters of the future.

As a Captain at Atwater City Fire Station 42, Captain Lopes and his crew are responsible for responding to all risk emergency incidents throughout the City of Atwater. In addition to his daily responsibilities, Captain Lopes oversees the Department's reserve program. Captain Lopes passion for teaching and training is apparent through his oversight of the reserve's, which provides candidates a valuable opportunity to learn first-hand about a career in fire or emergency services.

Atwater City Fire would also like to appreciate Diego Mortera as the City's Reserve Firefighter of the year for his devotion and dedication of 636 hours responding to all risk emergency incidents in the City of Atwater. Diego has gone above this and has assisted in devastating wildland fires of 2017.

Most recently Diego has assisted and volunteered his time to help lead and instruct our reserve firefighter program. Congratulations for serving our residents of Atwater City.

### **WEED ABATEMENT**

The Atwater City Fire Department has started its weed abatement process. The process begins on April 15, 2018. The inspections usually take 1 – 2 weeks to complete. Once the inspections have been completed, notices will be mailed by certified mail to the registered owners of the property. We ask that if you currently own property and you have weeds or any other materials that are considered to be a potential fire hazard, please remove them as soon as possible. If you do receive a weed abatement/fire hazard notice, it will come with instructions on what you need to do

to correct the issue. There will also be phone numbers on the notice so that if you have any questions, you may contact our department at any time.

If you do have to mow areas that have dry weeds or grass, please do so before 10:00 AM. If you mow in the heat of the day, the chances of causing a fire are much higher. Any spark from a mower can cause a fire when the conditions are hot and dry. Please use caution at all times when clearing weeds from your property.

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The City of Atwater is seeking applicants for our upcoming 2018 Summer Aquatics Program, 2018 Summer Drop-In Program and also Recreation Instructors for Dance Classes and Gymnastics.

If you are interested in applying, please go to <http://www.atwater.org/docs/City%20of%20Atwater%20Employment%20Application%202016.pdf> for application

### **OSBORN PARK TENNIS KEYS**

New Tennis Court keys are available for sale. The cost of the key is \$65.00 and is good until the end of February 2019.

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) Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **2018 SUMMER COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

This league may be divided into three levels of play Upper, Middle & Lower Divisions! Women will hit regular 11" softball and men will hit 12" incredible! The number of games will depend on number of teams that register. There will be a double elimination playoff for each division. All games will be played on Wednesday and/or Friday evenings on Miyake and Osborn Fields.

Registration will take place at the Atwater Community Center Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only. Completed team roster and registration fee must be turned in no later than Thursday, May 24, 2018 and the league is scheduled to begin the week of June 11, 2018

Cost per team is \$380.00 (Rosters are limited to 18 players).

If you would like us to email you a roster or need additional information, please call the Community Services Department at (209) 357-6320 or email [jlopez@atwater.org](mailto:jlopez@atwater.org)

### **BEGINNING INDOOR SOCCER**

This entry-level soccer program is designed for boys and girls ages 4 to 6 that show an interest in learning about & playing the game of indoor

soccer.

The program will take place at the Atwater Community Center and/or Castle Youth Center Gym on weekday evenings. Games will be played at 6:00 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Practices are scheduled to begin in May and games will begin in June

Registration will begin on Monday, April 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will continue until Thursday, April 19, or until the program is filled.

Height and Weight is required at time of registration

Cost \$45.00 per participant (A maximum of 60 participants will be accepted)

### **SUMMER DROP-IN PROGRAM AND PROGRESSIVE SWIM LESSONS**

Registration will begin Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and will continue Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until the program is full.

Drop In cost is \$175.00 per child for 7 weeks and includes breakfast and lunch.

Swim Lessons cost is \$45 per child for each 2 week session. Lessons will be at 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the following dates June 11 to June 22, July 2 to July 13 and July 16 to July 27.

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

### **ATWATER VFW**

The NEW VFW in Atwater, on Broadway "WANTS YOU BACK"! Come on in and 'Support your local Veteran" and visit us on Wednesdays for Family Hamburger Nights 5-7pm, and on the 1st Friday of every month, we have Taco/Burrito Night and we serve fish from 5-7pm. We also do Karaoke on Fridays. FUN-FOOD-DRINKS for all.

### **THE ATWATER SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB**

The Atwater Senior Social Club is taking new members ages 55 years and older. They meet each Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Atwater Community Center, 760 E. Bellevue Road in Atwater. We have a short business meeting then play bingo. Birthdays are celebrated each month with an old fashion Potluck Lunch. Come and join us and have some fun. For more info, please call President Hop Bailey at (209) 358-4966 or Faye Freisen at (209) 358-1765.

### **DANCIN' FIT AEROBICS**

For more information or to sign-up call Mary Ann at (209) 358-2142.