



City of Atwater Promoting “Positive Progress” UTILITY CUSTOMER NEWSLETTER

February 2020

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:

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MONTHLY MEETINGS SCHEDULE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

City Council & Fire Protection District
2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 PM

City of Atwater Planning Commission
3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM

Merced County Supervisor, District 3
Daron McDaniel - (209) 495-7086
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4th Thursday of each month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at City Hall.

HOURS & CONTACTS FOR CITY OFFICES

City Manager's Office
(209) 357-6300
Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM

Finance Department

(209) 357-6310
(209) 357-6313
(209) 357-6318 Business License Information
Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Water bill, start/end service, and trash service



General Services

Monday - Friday 8 AM – 4:00 PM Closed for lunch
12:00-1:00 PM
Building Division (Permits)
(209) 357-6343
Planning Division
(209) 357-6342 or (209) 357-6349
Engineering Division
(209) 357-6367

HR Department

(209) 357-6204
Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM
City Clerk's office provides Notary Services for \$15 per signature. For more information contact the HR Department at (209) 357-6204

City Clerk

(209) 357-6317
Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM

Public Works

(209) 357-6370
Monday – Friday 6:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Report problems related to Water, Sewer, Parks, City Trees, Street Lights, and Traffic Signal, etc.

After hour emergencies for public works, 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 – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Recreation Department

(209) 357-6320
Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM



TRAFFIC SIGNAL WORK

Traffic Signal Interconnect will begin January 24 and is scheduled to be complete by the beginning of April. The project is being funded through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) (State funds) and local (City match) funds, approximately 85% and 15%. The intent of the project is to improve the synchronization between traffic signals and install a new traffic signal at the intersection of Winton Way and Olive Ave. Street improvements include

new handicap ramps at the corners of Winton Way and Olive Avenue and an 8" raised median on Applegate Road to eliminate unsafe left turns onto Applegate Road from the adjacent commercial area.

MEASURE “O” EDUCATION

To prevent cuts to public safety services/neighborhood police patrols, and improve crime investigation/emergency response by replacing overcrowded, aging/deteriorating police/fire facilities; upgrading outdated firefighting equipment; and redistributing stations throughout the City, shall the City of Atwater adopt a measure renewing at the one-cent rate its existing, voter-approved sales tax, providing approximately \$4,000,000 annually, until ended by voters, requiring independent audits, oversight, all funds only for Atwater.

“Our Public Safety is never off duty, they are dedicated public servants.”

BREAKFAST WITH THE CHIEF

Police Chief Salvador would like to invite you to join him and City Manager Waterman for “Breakfast with the Chief”. This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 9:00 AM at Janitz. The monthly locations for the breakfast will be updated and posted on the City's Facebook page as well as the Atwater Police Department Facebook page.

MOBILE FOOD TRUCKS

Looking to start a Mobile Food Truck Business in the City of Atwater? Come join us on Feb 19th at 2:00pm in Council Chambers for our Mobile Food Truck workshop. Questions will be taken and answered by city staff. Translation services will be available for those who need them.

UTILITY BILLING (PAYMENTS)

These past few months you may've noticed that your City of Atwater utility bill remittance address for payments was no longer the street address for City Hall but a P.O. Box in Pasadena, CA. This change is due to the City setting up Bank Lockbox Services with the City's banking provider, JP Morgan Chase. A Bank Lockbox Service is a secure method by which customers' payments and remittance documents are mailed directly to a location accessible only by the bank contracted to process payments on behalf of a business, in this case the City of Atwater. Daily the bank will process all payments in the Lockbox and deposit the funds into the City of Atwater's bank account and provide the City with a secure electronic file containing the customer's utility billing account number and amount paid. The City then imports this data into its utility billing platform and properly posts each customer's utility billing account. This new method of processing utility bill payments will allow for greater efficiency in the timely application and deposit of customer's payments to their respective utility accounts.

REPUBLIC SERVICES OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.

Please note if your garbage service falls on one of the above holidays your service will be delayed by one day. For instance, if your regular service day is Monday, it will be picked up on Tuesday, if it's Tuesday, it will then be on Wednesday, and so on. If the Holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delay of service. For more information, please call (209) 358-7156

WATER METERS

The City of Atwater is required to install meters on all unmetered service connections by January 1, 2025.

In most cases, meter installation is a simple procedure that requires an hour or less and water services will be briefly interrupted during installation.

If you receive notification that Public Works is scheduled to install a meter at your location, please clear the area where the meter will be located.

Since the water meters are located outside of the home you will not need to be home for the meter installation. If your meter is not accessible, you have any questions, or if you have special needs,

please contact the City of Atwater at 209-357-6370.

SPRING CLEAN UP 2020

The City of Atwater and Republic Services will be conducting the Spring Clean-up Day on **Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 7:00 AM to noon** in the Buhach Colony High School back parking lot.

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

There will be no household hazardous waste pick-up site.

A map with the detailed drop-off locations for items at the drop-off site and additional information can be picked-up at City Hall or at <https://www.atwater.org/>.

Senior Pick-up

Senior citizens must call starting on February 17th thru February 27th to schedule a pick-up from their residence. Senior pick-up day will be **Monday, March 9, 2020**. All items must be placed on the curb the night before or no later than **7:30 A.M.** and **must be only items that belong to the senior.**

Additional information can be obtained at City Hall or at <https://www.atwater.org/>.

2020 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 and playing the game of indoor soccer. All practices and games will take place at the Atwater Community Center and/or Castle Youth Center weekday evenings. Games will be played at 5:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Practices are scheduled to begin in May and games will begin in June.

Registration will begin on Monday, April 6, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. and will continue until Friday, April 24, 2020 or until the program is filled, whichever comes first.

Cost is \$55 for Atwater city Resident and \$65 for Non-Residents

(A maximum of 60 participants will be accepted)

For more information, please call the Recreation Department at 357-6320

2020 MEN'S AND COED SOFTBALL

Men's & Coed Slow-Pitch Softball Leagues are registering now. Come out and have some fun in Atwater! We offer various levels of play ranging from the serious to the not-so-serious softball player.

Registration ends March 20, 2020 and games begin in April.

Cost is \$385 per team with guarantee 7 games.

All games are played weekday evenings on Miyake and Osborn Fields at Osborn Park (501 E. Bellevue Road).

For more information, please call the Recreation Department at 357-6320

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.

LANDFILLS NOW OPEN ON SATURDAYS

Merced – The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (Authority) has extended operating hours on Saturdays at the landfills in Merced and Los Banos. The change means that both sites are now open to the public six days a week, Monday through Saturday, from 7:00am to 3:30pm.

YARTS

Free Days 2020: Reservations not accepted (except Amtrak) – boarding based on first come, first served

- Earth Day (Yosemite) – Sat April 18, 2020 (Hwy 140 Only)
- National Parks Week – Sat April 25, 2020 (Hwy 140 Only)
- YARTS 20th Anniversary – Wed May 20, 2020 (Hwy 140, Hwy 120 Sonora and Hwy41)
- Memorial Day Weekend – Sat, Sun, and Mon, May 23,24, and 25, 2020 (Hwy 140, Hwy 120 Sonora and Hwy 41)
- Independence Day – Sat, July 4, 2020 (All Corridors)
- NPS Birthday – Tuesday, August 25, 2020 (All Corridors)
- National Public Lands Day – Sat, Sept 26, 2020 (Hwy 140, Hwy 120 Sonora and Hwy 395/ 120 Mammoth Lakes)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

02-17-20 The City will be closed (Non-Safety) in observance of President's Day