



City of Atwater

UTILITY CUSTOMER NEWSLETTER

September 2023

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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
dmcdaniel@co.merced.ca.us
4th Thursday of each month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the City of Atwater Administration Office located at **1160 Fifth Street**
**** Please note the location change****

Mark your Calendars!

10-7-2023	Movie in the Park (Bloss Mansion)
10-14-2023	Castle Air Museum, Fall Open Cockpit
10-21-2023	Fall Clean Up

HOURS & CONTACTS FOR CITY OFFICES

City Manager's Office
1160 Fifth Street
Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM
(209) 357-6300

City Clerk
Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM
(209) 357-6241

Community Development Department
750 Bellevue Road
Monday - Friday 8 AM – 4:00 PM
Building Division (Permits)
(209) 357-6343

Planning Division
(209) 812-1031 or (209) 357-6349

Engineering Division
(209) 357-6233

Finance Department
750 Bellevue Road
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
(209) 357-6310
If you would like to make a utility bill payment, please visit the City of Atwater website.
<https://www.atwater.org/departments/finance/>



GARBAGE Service Issues call Mid Valley Disposal at (209) 270-5100 for the following: missed service, request replacement of existing totes, extra/special pickup and all other inquiries pertaining to Mid Valley Disposal.

Human Resources Department
1160 Fifth Street
Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM
(209) 357-6204

Police Non-Emergency (209) 357-6396
Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
(209) 357-6384 (Records)

Public Works
Monday – Friday 6:30 AM – 3:30 PM
(209) 357-6370
Report issues 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.

Recreation and Community Events
Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM (209) 357-6320

All Departments can accommodate individual scheduled appointment times if needed.

CITY OF ATWATER FALL CLEAN UP 2023

The City of Atwater will be hosting its annual Fall Cleanup event for 2023 on **Saturday, October 21st from 7:00AM – Noon**. This is an opportunity for residents to dispose of unwanted items that cannot be placed in the regular garbage or green waste carts or bins. The FREE cleanup event will be held at 3500 Apron Drive, Atwater CA (On the Castle Air Force Base).

Accepted items:

Yard Waste

Tree Limbs cut into 4-foot lengths, Leaves and lawn clippings, Clean Wood (no oil, paint, or nails)

Metal

Clean Auto Parts, Scrap Metal

Bulky Items

Mattresses, Washers/Dryers, Refrigerators, Furniture

Miscellaneous

Tires (rims must be removed, standard sizes), Household Trash, Electronic Waste

Items not Accepted:

Trailers larger than 6ft/U-Hauls, Tire Rims, Industrial Sized Tires, Construction Material: cements, concrete, sand, clay, rocks, Hazardous Waste: paint, cleaning chemicals, pesticides, oil, batteries, light bulbs, Palm Fronds

At our discretion other items may not be accepted.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAYS

Have household hazardous waste you need to dispose of? On **Saturday, October 21st from 8am-12pm** you can drop off all items for FREE at 7040 N Highway 59, Merced, CA 95340.

TEXT MY GOV



TextMyGov is a mobile phone regular messaging service used to relay information to the city. Code complaints or animal control issues can be reported directly to the city and can include a picture, description, and other information. Scan the QR code for more details.

MESSAGES FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- To our valued residents: we appreciate the opportunity to serve you and want to notify you

that in October 2023, we will begin service shutoff for those accounts 60 days past due.

To enroll in a Payment Arrangement, call City of Atwater Finance Department at (209) 357-6310, or for payment assistance, please call Merced Community Action Agency at (209) 723-4565. Plan to prevent interruption of service. Thank you.

- Discounted garbage rates are available for seniors (over 60 years of age) and disabled customers. Please use the following link and scroll down to Downloadable Documents to obtain the application and get detailed information about how the program works:
www.atwater.org/services/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DINNER WITH THE CHIEF

Police Chief Salvador would like to invite you to join him, City Manager Waterman and Battalion Chief Ayuso for "Dinner with the Chief" held **Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 7:00 PM** at Brooks Ranch located at 975 Bellevue Road.

SENIOR SOCIAL DAY

Tuesday, October 16, 2023. Doors will open at **9am** and the event will end around **12pm**. Seniors can come to the Atwater Community Center to socialize with friends and play an engaging game! There will be coffee and snacks available to everyone that attends.

KIDS CRAFT NIGHT

Thursday, October 26, 2023, 5:30pm-7:30pm bring your kiddos aged 2-10, to 760 E. Bellevue Rd in Atwater to enjoy some fun and crafts! The cost is FREE and includes all supplies and instruction. Please register online so we can ensure there are enough crafts for all. Our online portal is available 24/7 at www.atwater.org/recreation. It's recommended to sign up the entire household and opt-in to communication for regular updates. For assistance with creating your online account, please contact us at 209-357-6320 or email us at events@atwater.org.

SPECIAL SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Join us October 7th at the Bloss Mansion for our last movie in the park of 2023. Please arrive around dusk as the movie begins at sundown. Don't forget to bring your own chairs, blankets, and snacks.

FALL OPEN COCKPIT DAY

Castle Air Museum is hosting their annual Open Cockpit Day on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00am-4:00pm. Check out almost 80 vintage military aircraft! The all-new US Navy F-18 Blue

Angel! F-14 Tomcat! B-52 Bomber! the Triple Sonic SR-71 spy plane! A former Air Force One Tour for just \$10 extra per person.

All new kids zone activities...Radio Control Aircraft Demos, Food court, burgers, hot dogs, First Responder displays and more!

Admission: Adults \$20, Seniors & Veterans \$15, Children \$10, and Kids under 5 are FREE. For more information call 209-723-2178 or www.castleairmuseum.org

VETERANS MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM

The Veterans Memorial Brick Program provides a special opportunity to show support for our nation's Veterans, while leaving a personal and permanent memorial honoring families, organizations, friends, and individuals. The cost for each brick is \$50 and the deadline to order is **Friday, September 29, 2023**. If you are interested in ordering a memorial brick, you can pick up an application from City Hall at 750 Bellevue Road, or the City Administration building at 1160 Fifth Street. For more information, please call Stefani at (209)357-6300 or email events@atwater.org

RECREATION



Do you enjoy playing Tennis? The tennis courts located at Osborn Park will be open to the public for free use on Sunday's, from 10:00AM to 6:00PM, beginning August 13th. Come out and enjoy!

If you are interested in using the tennis courts during the week and Saturday's, court keys are available for purchase at the Atwater Community Center!

Youth volleyball 🏐 registration is now open and will remain open until October 8th.

Youth basketball 🏀 registration will open in November. Follow the steps below to receive updates.

Our online portal is available 24/7 at www.atwater.org/recreation. It's recommended to sign up the entire household and opt-in to communication for regular updates. For assistance with creating your online account, please contact us at 209-357-6320 or email us at recreation@atwater.org

Volunteers needed! We're looking for youth volleyball and youth basketball coaches. No experience is needed, we can provide training and support. Visit our online Recreation portal and sign up now!

AEROBICS

Fitness with friendly people who have fun doing it. It is a safe workout that contours muscles, strengthens the heart and lungs, and improves

flexibility. Try it for a week and see! Motivating music and routines change daily so you never get bored. Monday through Friday 8:30am-9:30am at the Atwater Community Center. The cost is \$35.00 per month. Call Mary Ann Davis, 209-358-2142 or email events@atwater.org.

WATERING SCHEDULE

Consumers shall NOT irrigate any lawn or landscaped area between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day of the week.

Even numbered addresses are assigned watering days on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 12:01am to 10:00am and 5:00pm to 11:59pm.

Odd numbered addresses are assigned watering days on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12:01am to 10:00am and 5:00pm to 11:59pm.

WATERING ON MONDAYS IS PROHIBITED.

PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION

Atwater Residents: Are you facing eviction? Foreclosure? Need assistance with a deposit? If you would like to apply for this program, call: 559-802-1600 or send an e-mail to: covidrelief@selfhelpenterprises.org.

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS PROGRAM

The First-Time Homebuyers Program is designed to provide the additional financing, including down payment and closing cost assistance, needed to keep a first mortgage payment affordable to first-time homebuyers. Applicant Eligibility Requirements: Ability to provide a minimal 1% down payment, can qualify with a bank or mortgage company for a primary loan, must be a first-time homebuyer OR have been off title for the past 3 years, complete a homebuyer counseling session, and your gross annual household income cannot exceed 80% of the annual median income. For more information or see if you qualify, call Self Help Enterprises at (559)802-1640 or visit www.selfhelpenterprises.org.

FREE BUS RIDES

Thanks to funding through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), The Bus can offer FREE rides to ALL from July 2023 through September 2023. There are no special tickets necessary to ride for free. If you are a UC Merced or a Merced College student, please continue to present your ID and if you are a Senior, Veteran, or ADA passenger, continue to inform the driver.



To download The Bus app, scan the QR code.