

Utility News - www.lodiutilities.org

After-Hours Emergency Number

608-592-3246 – OPTION 1

For a utility emergency, always call 608-592-3246 and Select Option 1. During business hours, this will connect you with the utility office. After business hours, this will transfer you to our answering service. In the event phones are down, please call Columbia County Dispatch at 608-742-4166.

Energy Services

If you need assistance with your utility bills, please call Energy Services at 1-800-506-5596. Choose option 1 and leave a message for someone to return your call.

Water AMI Meter Upgrade

Lodi Utilities will again be upgrading customers to AMI water meters. We have these new meters in stock and are taking appointments starting December 18th.

AMI meters are a great benefit to customers, allowing for early detection of leaks and high-water usage, helping to prevent large and unnecessary water bills. Once upgraded, customers will begin to be billed in gallons instead of 1,000 gallons which will help smooth out customer's bills.

You may set up an appointment for your new meter by visiting www.lodiutilities.org. Click on the Water Meter Exchange story and sign up today! You may also call the Lodi Utilities office at 608-592-3246 for assistance.

Avoid Late Fees

There are several ways to make sure your utility payment arrives on time so you are not charged a late fee.

- **Sign Up for Auto Pay:** Customers may sign up for auto pay through Lodi Utilities. There are no fees for this service. Payments are pulled on the due date. Visit the utility website, MyAccount or call the utility office for more information at 608-592-3246.
- **Enroll in Paperless Billing:** Customers can enroll in paperless billing through MyAccount, allowing bills to be available several days earlier than getting them in the mail.
- **Drop Box:** Payments can be put in the drop box outside City Hall. Please do not deposit cash.

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City Hall & Utilities Holiday Schedule

Friday, Dec. 22 & Monday, Dec. 25 – Closed

Monday, Jan. 1 & Monday, Jan. 15 – Closed

Updated Winter Parking Ordinance

A recently revised ordinance is in effect regarding the declaration of a **snow or ice event** in the City of Lodi. The public works director will declare a snow or ice event when it becomes necessary to clear streets of accumulating snow or ice. When declared, events shall remain in effect for 24 hours unless extended through a declaration by the public works director.

During a snow or ice event, NO MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, BOATS or SIMILAR ITEMS are allowed to be parked on any street or public alley for the duration of the event. (The downtown business district is exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.)

Snow or ice events will be posted as an alert to the City's website and local news outlets will be notified. Sign up for City alerts at www.cityoflodi.us and click on "Get Notified".

Snow & Ice Removal from Sidewalks

Property owners, occupants, or the person in charge of each building, structure, or unoccupied lot in the city are responsible for cleaning the full width of the sidewalk in front of or adjoining each home, building or unoccupied lot, including the portion of the sidewalk bordering the crosswalk. This includes the curb ramp, if any, regardless of the source of the snow accumulation or ice. Snow and ice must be cleared by 11:00 AM. If snow continues to fall after 11:00 AM, it must be removed within three hours of daylight the day after the snow stops falling. **Please do not shovel, plow or blow snow onto city streets.**

North Main Street Utility Project

Crews will continue sewer and restoration work on Hwy 113/North Main Street during the month of December.

The road will remain open to thru, two-way traffic during this time. Please continue to exercise caution while driving in this area. WisDOT remains on schedule for spring/summer of 2024 to complete their mill and repave project on this section of Hwy 113/North Main Street.

New Portable Ice Rink

The City of Lodi has purchased a portable ice rink that will be located in the tennis/pickleball courts near Fair Street. (The rink located near the waste water plant will no longer be in service.) This rink will be 100' X 120' to provide a great space for skaters and hockey players. Ice quality will be dependent on temperature, but hopes are high for skating to be available consistently this winter.



Property Taxes

Property tax bills will be in the mail soon. They will be available on the county website at www.co.columbia.wi.us as soon as they are generated. Property tax bill information can be found by clicking on *Property & Taxes* and then *Ascent Land Records*.

The first installment or full payment must be paid by January 31, 2024 at Lodi City Hall. Second installments are due to Columbia County by July 31, 2024.

2024 Dog Licenses Available Now

Dog licenses are renewed at the beginning of each year and expire at the end of each year. If the dog license is renewed after March 31, there will be a \$5.00 late fee per dog license. A copy of the rabies certificate must accompany the dog license application for each dog.

Please write a separate check for each if paying for taxes and dog licenses at the same time.



Brush/Christmas Tree Pick Up

Starting on January 8, the winter schedule for brush pick up will be every other Monday. Please place Christmas trees with stump to the curb for disposal. Make sure to remove all ornaments, lights, and decorations. Please do not place trees in the street or block sidewalks.

Pick up may be affected by weather. Dates for winter brush pick up are available on the City's website.

Garbage/Recycling Calendars

Garbage/Recycling calendars are being sent with tax bills. If you do not receive a tax bill and would like a calendar, it is available to print on our website at www.cityoflodi.us/GarbageRecycling.

Elections in 2024

Are you registered to vote? If not, go to www.myvote.wi.gov. When registering online, proof of residence is required. If you have recently moved, you will need to register at your current residence. The following elections will take place in 2024:

February 20 - Spring Primary (if needed)

April 2 - Spring Election and Presidential Preference

August 13 - Partisan Primary

November 5 - General Election

The Spring Election on April 2, 2024 will include races for mayor and 3 Alderpersons. If you would like additional information, please contact City Hall at 608-592-3247.

Stay Informed

Stay informed by signing up for our City of Lodi and Lodi Utilities email newsletter. In addition to social media, this newsletter has been created to get information to our residents and utility customers in a timely manner. This format will also enable us to send out alerts if there is an emergency or if we need to communicate a change to an event that has already been published.

Sign up today at www.lodiutilites.org and click on the Email Newsletter button. We think you'll like it!

Happy Holidays

City of Lodi and Lodi Utilities staff would like to wish our residents a happy and safe holiday season. We hope 2024 brings health and happiness to our residents.

