



# City of Atwater

## UTILITY CUSTOMER NEWSLETTER

MAY 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  
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#### Council Members:

Brian Raymond  
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[braymond@atwater.org](mailto:braymond@atwater.org)

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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**

Clean Up Day - Saturday, May 19, 2018

The City will be closed July 4, 2018 in observation of Independence Day

### 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

### FIVE YEAR (2013-2017) POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF ATWATER

Responses and services provided by firemen, police officers, dispatchers, staff and volunteers.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service	126668
Homicide	15
Rape	66
Robbery	119
Assault	427
Burglary	1200
Theft	3724
Stolen vehicle	881
Misdemeanor report	10390
Arrest	10568
Traffic violation	9964
Drunk driving	434
Traffic Accident	2046
Non-crime report	16770
Training Hours	2104

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Structure Fire	246
Other fire	942
Vehicle accident	769
Medical aid	12545
Hazardous material	324
Public assistance	1105
Weed abatement	1693
Fire hydrant inspection	514
Public education	339
Fire hose testing	2320
Business inspections	2419
Training session	421
Reserve hours worked	7951
Reserve hours training	1055
Meetings, local-state	201

### SPRING CLEAN UP

Allied Waste will conduct a Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**NEW LOCATION** 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. E-Waste will be collected at the Go Cart track. Only 9 tires will be allowed for per load. There will be a separate van for mattress. Please bring all your old mattresses.

*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.*

### **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

**May 20, 2018 – May 26, 2018**

"The Power of Public Works" 2018 theme gives voice to the impact the many facets of public works have on modern civilization you are invited to celebrate their quiet dedication and indispensable influence on our way of life.

### **MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH**

Across the nation, Bike Month promotes biking to work as a healthy form of transportation. Bike or walk to work at least once during the month of May, log that trip, and you could win a new bicycle, an Amazon Alexa, a Spotify or Apple Music subscription, and more!

Employers: want help encouraging biking and walking at your workplace? Contact dibs for a free toolkit on how to promote Bike Month at your company!

To join the Challenge and get information on local events and free resources, visit [DibsMyWay.com](http://DibsMyWay.com) or call 1-800-52-SHARE

Dibs is a non-profit program of the San Joaquin Council of Governments, Stanislaus County of Governments and Merced Association of Governments established to promote alternative modes of transportation such as carpooling, vanpooling, transit, walking and biking to work.

Merced's Bike to Work Day is May 18.

### **ATWATER 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY COMMITTEE**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee is looking forward to another amazing 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration this year with even more new and exciting events and contests added into this year's schedule.

They will get things started on Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> with their "**Independence Eve**" block party happening at Ralston Park from 7-10PM.

The food vendors and "Margaritaville" adult refreshment area will be open for business, as well as the musical talents of the band Flashback to keep everyone entertained.

On Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup>, festivities kick off with their parade, followed by all the festivities at Ralston Park. The parade theme this year is "**Saluting our First Responders**", as we pay tribute to the brave men and women of our community who work so hard to serve us all.

In addition to all the great food, vendors and talented local artists who will be entertaining us, we are also putting on a "**Tug of War Challenge**" where 4-person teams can challenge their neighbors to a friendly competition with bragging rights and trophies on the line. There will be divisions for adult, co-ed, and youths as we encourage everyone to get involved.

We conclude the day with our big concert and fireworks show at Castle Airport. We are very excited to have the fabulous **Daniel Castro Band** along with **Mike Hammer and the Nails** entertaining us this year, followed by the biggest fireworks show in the valley!

They are taking applications now for all vendors, booth spaces, and parade entries. Spots are going fast, so we encourage everyone to get their entries in ASAP. All the forms and info for signing up can be found at [www.atwater4thofjuly.com](http://www.atwater4thofjuly.com) Applicants need to download the forms, fill them out, and then mail them to the address given along with their check for payment. The website lists all the contact numbers and email addresses if people have any questions as well.

### **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.

### **SUMMER DROP-IN PROGRAM & SUMMER SWIM LESSONS**

Registration will begin Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 8:00 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.

Regular Drop In cost is \$175.00 per child for 7 weeks from 10 am to 3 pm and includes breakfast and lunch.

This year we will be trying out early hours (drop off 8:00 am) and afternoon hours (pick up 5:30 pm). There will be an hourly fee associated with before and after regular Drop In

Swim Lessons cost is \$45 per child for each 2 week session. Lessons will be at 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 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

### **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" incredibal! 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).

For more info please call (209) 357-6320

### **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.

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

***The Recreation Dept. is looking for sponsors & donations to help keep programs going and help those less fortunate who can't afford to pay. For additional information or if you would like to make a donation, please call Sandy Rahn at (209) 357-6320. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***