The Bridge

Connecting the City and the Community

Automatic Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

The City of Bridgeport is currently replacing all water and electric meters within the city with Automatic Metering Infrastructure (AMI). Below are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions (FAQ's). For more information and answers to more FAQ's, please visit the website at www.cityofbridgeport.net.

Why are my meters being replaced? Over time meters become less accurate and can provide inaccurate readings. By replacing meters, our city will be able to bill more accurately and efficiently for usage. In addition, the new system will include an automatic meter reading technology that will save labor time, prevent any recording errors, minimize wear and tear on vehicles, minimize the need for the city to go on the private property of residents, and potentially allow water line leaks to be identified earlier by analysis of data collected.

Does this mean my bill will be increasing? Not necessarily, the new meters will simply record consumption more accurately. In some cases, your bill may increase, but only if your current meter is underreporting usage. Presently the majority of residents are paying for the water they are actually using, while a few residents are only paying for a fraction of the water. This condition is not fair to all residents. The city does not intend to make bills retroactive where underbilling is discovered. The new system will ensure fairness and equality for all the residents and businesses in Bridgeport from this point forward.

Brush and Bulk Pickup

On the 2nd full week of the month the City will pick up bulk items such as washers, dryers, couches, chairs, etc.

On the last full week of the month the City will pick up brush
Tree limbs should be cut to no longer than 6 ft and no larger than 8 in in diameter. Please note professional tree services must remove their own brush.

Bridgeport Animal Shelter

Thinking of getting a pet? The City of Bridgeport has an animal shelter located at 171 A PR 3402. Animals up for adoption can be seen on www.petfinder.com or you can call 940-683-3430 to schedule an appointment to visit the shelter.

You may also call 940-683-3430 if you have a lost pet that may have been picked up and placed in the animal shelter or if you see an animal running loose.

Upcoming Events

January 30 - First day to file for a place on the ballot

March 1 - Last day to file for a place on the ballot

March 24 - Easter Eggstravaganza

City Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers 900 Thompson Street

Upcoming City and Community events can be seen on the City Calendar at www.cityofbridgeport.net

Email community event information to afogelman@cityofbridgeport.net

Department in Focus

Infrastructure Services

The Infrastructure Services Department consists of many different divisions. This Department is responsible for water, sewer, electricity, streets and the Bridgeport Municipal Airport. David Turnbow, Director of Utility Services and his staff over see water and sewer, the water and wastewater plants and electric service. Making sure that citizens of Bridgeport have clean healthy water to drink is a priority. They also make sure that the sewer keeps flowing to the wastewater treatment plant and that there are no spills or leaks. These guys make sure that everything is working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Electric Department makes sure you are getting electricity in the most efficient manner possible. In the past year they have worked on trimming trees that are on electric lines and repairing old and outdated service for our citizens.

Infrastructure Services also covers the Street Department and the Bridgeport Municipal Airport. Gary Barnett, Director of Transportation and Airport Services and his crew are responsible for maintaining the roads and street signs. They are also responsible for the monthly brush and bulk pickup service that the City provides.

This entire department is vital to our City and our employees work hard for our citizens. If you see these guys around town working, be sure to tell them thank you.

Utility Bills

Do you know when your utility bill is due?
All bills are due on the 20th of every month.

Forget to Pay Your Bill on Time? Sign up for autodraft and your bill will be deducted from your bank account on the 15th of every month.

Planning your budget for the month and want to know what your bill is going to be?
Use the online feature to check your bill, review previous bills and even check consumption history. Visit www.cityofbridgeport.net and go to the Webstore under Resident Services.

After Hours Utility Emergencies

Is your sewer backed up, do you have a power outage, a water leak? If it is between 5:00 pm and 8:00 am Monday-Friday or on a holiday or weekend. Please call 940-683-3430 and someone will be dispatched to handle your emergency.

Garage Sales

Do I need a permit? Yes, garage sale permits are required. A permit may be purchased at City Hall for $5.00 and must be prominently displayed at the site of the sale.

May we put out garage sales signs advertising our sale? No, signs are not permitted in any public right of-way , on any utility pole or sign in the public right-of-way or any public easement.

How long is the permit good? The permit is good for three days.

Is there a limit to how many garage sales you are allowed in a 12 month period? There is a limit of 4.

Twice a year the City of Bridgeport holds a City Wide Garage Sale and permits are not required for this.

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