



HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

March 2023

VILLAGE HOURS

Clerk's Office Hours:

M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm

Library Hours:

M-W 10:00am - 6:00pm

F 10:00am - 5:00pm

Th; Sat* - Sun Closed

*Open first Sat of the month 10am-2pm

Museum Hours:

Please call 269.624.5481
to schedule a tour.

CONTACT US

Ask billing questions, sign up for our email newsletters, update your account information, get an explanation of rates, or make service changes:

Clerk's Office: 269.624.6407

Police Office: 269.624.2382

DPW: 269.624.6406

Website: www.lawtonmi.gov

Address: 125 S Main St
Mail: PO Box 367

After-hours water/sewer emergency:
269.251.0148



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NEWS AND INFORMATION

St. Patrick's Day Friday March 17, 2023

Brush Pickup: Brush pickup is set to begin in April. New guidelines and schedule will be mailed to residents later this month.

Spring Cleanup: Spring cleanup is set for the week of May 15-20 2023. Times and locations will be available in next Month's newsletter.

No Parking: The Village of Lawton's ordinance for street side parking is still in effect until April 1st, 2023. The ordinance was established to ensure that our streets can be quickly and safely cleared, should we have inclement weather. The ordinance states, "No vehicle shall be parked or be permitted to remain on or within any public street or public alley right-of-way within the village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., daily from November 1 to April 1 of each year. All ordinance can be found on the Village of Lawton web page. If you have questions regarding any of our ordinances, please contact the Lawton police department, 269.624.2382 or jmack@lawtonmi.org.

Cemetery Cleanup: All winter decorations must be removed by April 15th, 2023, to allow for the spring cleanup of cemetery grounds. After that date, the winter decorations will be removed by the Department of Public Works. As a reminder, once decorations become faded or unsightly, they will be removed. Any questions or concerns about plantings, decorations, and displays can be directed to the cemetery sexton, Todd Hackenberg at 269.624.6406

St. Patrick's Day Fun Fact:

Shamrocks symbolize St. Patrick's Day because St. Patrick was a Christian missionary who used a clover to explain the Holy Trinity of Christianity, which is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. He said the three leaves stand for the three beings of God and the stem shows how they are united into one.

WHY DOES THE VILLAGE FLUSH HYDRANTS?

In the next couple of months, you may notice the Village crew working at hydrants and see water running down the street. We flush water lines through the use of hydrants, which is an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to wastewater, the process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system allowing us to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers.

As a result of the line flushing process, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after lines have been flushed in your area, clear the pipes in your home by running your cold water faucets in a few minutes. We recommend using the tub or outside faucet.

Q: Why does the water system need to be routinely flushed?

A: The Village's water distribution system is a complex network of pipes and storage tanks where sediment and deposits may naturally accumulate over time. If not removed, these materials may cause water quality deterioration, taste and odor problems, or discoloration of the water. Water may also stagnate in lesser used parts of the distribution system. This can result in degraded water quality.

Q: When does flushing occur?

A: Lines are flushed in the spring and fall.

Q: What should I do when I see the Village crew flushing hydrants in my area?

A: If you see the Village crew flushing hydrants while driving, PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY. You may also want to delay any laundry washing until the crew is finished and you have checked your water for discoloration.

Q: What should I do after the flushing?

A: If the tap water is used during flushing, it could come out full of sediment and discoloration. If you encounter discolored water, shut the water off and wait several minutes. After waiting, check for clarity by running cold water for a few minutes allowing new water to work its way into your pipes. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. We recommend using a tub or outside faucet to clear the line. In some cases, you may experience slight discoloration for a few hours. This discoloration only affects the appearance of the water; it does not affect the taste or water quality.

Q: What should I do if my water pressure or volume seems low after flushing?

A: Check your faucet and washer screens for trapped debris.

Q: Why does the water look funny after hydrant flushing?

A: When a hydrant is opened, there will always be temporary incidences of discolored water containing fine sediment particles. There is no health hazard associated with discolored water. Allow a few hours for discoloration to dissipate. To verify the water has settled, allow your cold water tap to run a few minutes. If the discoloration persists for more than twenty-four (24) hours, please contact the Village's Department of Public Works at 269.624.6406

Q: Is it Okay to drink the sediment-laden or discolored water during temporary disturbance events?

A: It is recommended that water users wait until the water has cleared before using it for potable (drinking) purposes.



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Council meets the second
Tuesday at 7pm at the
Village Hall.

Planning commission meets
the first Tuesday at
7pm at the Village Hall.

DDA meets the third
Wednesday at 7pm
at the Village Hall.