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May

Village News and Information

Hydrant Flushing: On May 12, The Village of Lawton's Department of Public Works will be flushing the hydrants. 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.

Spring Clean-up: May 16-21 the Village will be collecting unwanted items. Dumpsters will be available at the Department of Public Works (DPW) building Monday - Friday 8:00am - 8:00pm and Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm. Any questions can be addressed to the DPW at 269.624.6406.

Burning: Burning is allowed in the Village of Lawton if the fire is contained in an approved burning pit – including tabletop burners, grills, portable fire pits or chimineas.

The approved burn pit shall be located at least 25' from the nearest structure and burn only clean wood or commercially fuel products – no grass clippings, brush or refuse. Residents must ensure that any fire does not cause a nuisance to neighbors and be attended by an adult until extinguished. To read the full ordinance, please refer to our website at [https://lawtonmi.gov/forms/burning ordinance](https://lawtonmi.gov/forms/burning-ordinance).

Yard Sale Permits: If you are planning to hold a yard sale or garage sale this summer, please stop into Village Hall to pick up a permit. Each address is allowed two sales per calendar year that can last up to three consecutive days. Four (4) advertising signs (up to 3 sq ft each) may be placed on private property. Signs can be erected one day prior to the sale and removed on the last day of the sale. Please include your name, address and telephone number on each sign.

Excessive barking and dogs running loose: The Lawton Police Department, as well as the Lawton Village Office, have received numerous complaints of dogs barking excessively and/or running freely within our Village limits. Although we appreciate dog ownership by our Village residents, it is your responsibility, as a dog owner, to control your dog and ensure it does not become a nuisance or threat to others. Below are 2 excerpts from the Village of Lawton's ordinance pertaining to animals. Be aware that violations of the ordinance may be handled by the issuance of a municipal civil infraction citation. Please be responsible for your animals and help us avoid any unnecessary complaints.

- It shall be unlawful to permit any dog or other pet owned or possessed to make continuous or intermittent barking, yelping, growling or other loud or disturbing noises which shall cause annoyance to neighbors or third parties. (Ord. 103, passed 4-14-1987) Penalty, see § 91.99

- No person shall permit or allow any dog to run at large as herein provided, or stray beyond the premises on which it is kept unless said dog is under leash control, with a fixed leash by a person of such age and discretion as necessary to physically control said dog.

The complete ordinance regarding animals can be located on the Village of Lawton website. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Chief Jeffrey Mack at 269.624.2382.

May 2022

Village Hours:

Clerk's Office Hours:

M-F 8:00am - 5:00PM

Office will be CLOSED

May 30, 2022

in observance of Memorial Day

Summer Hours:

(Memorial Day – Labor Day)

M-TH 7:00am – 5:00pm

Closed on Fridays

Library Hours:

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

Th; Sat-Sun Closed

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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Water and Sewer FAQs:

How can I reduce my water & Sewer bill?

Customers can reduce water usage by installing water saving toilets and showerheads, limiting shower and bath time, turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth, and inspecting your home for other plumbing leaks (e.g., sinks, faucets, water heaters, furnace humidifiers, water conditioners, sprinkler systems, etc). If you suspect a leak, call the Village and staff can assist you in identifying any potential water loss.

When I pay my water and sewer bill, where does the money go?

When you pay your water and sewer bill, the money goes directly into the Water and Sewer Fund. This Fund is a self-supporting "enterprise fund" that mandates any income received in the fund be spent on only water and sewer expenses. Per law, the Village can only charge customers for the associated costs of providing water and sewer services and can only use the revenue for water and sewer expenses.

Why can't we just compare rates of neighboring communities?

The Village of Lawton is one-of-a-kind - from population and geographic location, to water distribution and the condition of our water/sewer infrastructure. One community may treat water for different minerals or compounds in their ground water due to location, while another may have more (or fewer) employees, residents, and water system improvements to make. There are many variables that make utility rates different from one community to the next, making it hard to compare them.

Common Misconceptions:

• ***Do my property taxes pay for water costs?*** No. Water and sewer revenue pay for water and sewer costs, and only those costs.

• ***What about the quality of my water?*** The water provided to your home is frequently tested according to Michigan Environment, Great Lake and Energy Department (formerly DEQ) standards and expectations. The Village does not add any treatments to the water. Older homes, apartments, and buildings in the Village often have dated internal plumbing that can easily affect the taste, look, and smell of the water.

• ***Does my water bill pay for the Splash Pad?*** When you pay your water bill it does not pay for the Splashpad to operate. Rates have not and will not increase because of the Splash Pad.

For questions about your water & sewer bills, please contact Village Hall at 269.624.6407 or email Clerk@LawtonMI.gov.



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Council meets the second Tuesday at 7pm at the Village Hall. Subject to change with COVID-19 restrictions

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

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



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