



# HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

## September 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  
Sat 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Thurs/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.org](http://www.lawtonmi.org)

**Address:** 125 S Main St  
**Mail:** PO Box 367

**After-hours water/sewer emergency:**  
269.251.0148



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### NEWS & INFORMATION

**Village Hours:** Please note that the Village Office hours have changed. The new hours are as follows: M-F 8:00am - 5:00pm.

**Splash Pad:** The splash pad is closed for the season. Thank you for another great summer.

**Farmer's Market Season:** The Farmer's Market will be available every Saturday from 10am - 2pm through October. Located on the corner of M40 and Union Street between Wagoner's and Big T, now known as Reid's Corner. New vendors every weekend, check it out!

**Lawton Library:** Please join the Library as they host Storytime, every Wednesday at 10:30am. Ages 0-Kindergarten.

Save the Date! The Library will be hosting the Michigan Paranormal Group on October 24th at 6:30pm! More info to follow next month.

**Leaf Pick-up:** Leaf pick-up will begin when the majority of the leaves start to fall. Leaf pick-up will continue to the end of November or the first snow fall. As a reminder, please place leaves to the curb, not the street. Contact the Department of Public Works at 269.624.6406 with any questions or concerns pertaining to leaf pick-up. If you need leaf bags, you can find biodegradable bags locally at Adams Hardware in town, Walmart, or online at Amazon.com.

**Water Conservation:** Looking for ways to conserve water? Each month, we will give out a few tips that could help you save on your water usage and in turn, your monthly utility bill.

Turn off the water while shaving or brushing your teeth. Fill the bottom of the sink with a few inches of warm water in which to rinse your razor and before brushing, wet your brush and fill a glass for rinsing your mouth.

**Fun Fact:** September was originally the seventh month of the ancient Roman calendar, and as such was named Septem, which translates into the seventh month. It wasn't until 451 BC that the months of January and February were added to the calendar, making September the ninth month.

# Fall is Upon Us- Let's go Apple Picking!

Looking for something fun to do during the fall season?

We have compiled a list of activities and events happening in Southwest Michigan.

- **Visit an apple orchard; pick apples, eat fresh donuts and drink some cider.**
  - Schultz Fruitridge Farms - 60139 Country Rd 652, Mattawan, MI 49071
  - Verhages Fruit Farm and Cider Mill - 8619 W ML Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
  - Gull Meadow Farms - 8544 Gull Rd, Richland, MI 49083
- **Visit a pumpkin patch.**
  - Gene the Pumpkin Man - 22637 M43 HWY, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
  - Harvest Moon Acres - 18725 M40 HWY, Gobles, MI 49055
  - Gull Meadow Farms - 8544 Gull Rd, Richland, MI 49083
- **Take a new spin on carving pumpkins and paint one instead.**
- **Take a drive on a fall color tour.**
  - Red Arrow Highway Tour: starting in St. Joseph; take Main St. south to Lake Shore Dr. to Red Arrow Highway. This coastal road takes you south through the charming resort communities of Stevensville, Bridgeman, Sawyer, Harbert, Lakeside, Union Pier, and New Buffalo.
  - Blue Star Highway Tour: from St. Joseph, continue north along the serene, tree-lined M-63 to Blue Star Highway. This Lake Michigan shore tour takes you through Benton Harbor, Covert, and South Haven.
  - For more trip ideas visit [www.swmichigan.org](http://www.swmichigan.org)
- **Support the Lawton Athletic Fall Teams**
  - Friday night Varsity Football Home games - 9/15 vs. South Haven, 10/6 vs Schoolcraft (HOMECOMING), and 10/20 vs Comstock
  - Varsity Soccer Home Games - 9/18 vs Constantine, 9/20 vs. Saugatuck, and 10/5 vs. Michigan Luther
  - Varsity Volleyball Home Games - 9/14 vs. Constantine, 9/19 vs Parchment, and 9/21 vs Kalamazoo Christian
  - A full schedule for both JV and Varsity teams can be found here: [www.lawtoncs.org](http://www.lawtoncs.org)
- **Participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Golf Cart Parade!**
  - Sunday, October 15, 2023
  - Line up is at 2:00pm in the elementary parking lot on S Nursery
  - Parade starts at 2:30pm
  - Refreshments and prizes will be awarded at Reid's Corner after the parade
  - Look for next month's Newsletter for more information!



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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.