



# HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

# OCTOBER 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.



**Village Office Hours:** The Village Offices will have decreased staffing levels for the next several months. The Village Offices are open from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, however due to staff shortages there may be days where the hours are shortened. If you need to see someone specific, please make an appointment before you come to ensure availability.

**TRICK OR TREATING 2023:** It's that time of the year again! Grab your costumes and halloween buckets for a fun Halloween night in the Village of Lawton. On Tuesday, October 31st, the siren will go off at 5:30pm to comment the start of trick or treating and another will sound at the end at 7:30pm.

Lawton Evangelical Church (425 S Nursery) is hosting a Pumpkin Fest on Halloween from 6pm - 8pm! Be sure to stop by for extra Halloween fun! They will have snacks, games, and lots of candy! This is a FREE event for the community.

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

The Library will be hosting the Michigan Paranormal Research Organization (MiPRO) on October 24th at 6:30pm! If you would like to learn more about the MiPRO group, please visit their website at [www.miparanormal.com](http://www.miparanormal.com)

**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.

**Halloween Fun Fact:** Halloween originated from an ancient Celtic festival. During Samhain, people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off evil spirits. In the eighth century, in an effort to spread Christianity, Pope Gregory III decreed November 1 as All Saints' Day and incorporated some of the rituals of Samhain.

## 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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# 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL FALL ESCAPADE PARADE

Just for the fun of it!

## Sunday, October 15th

Rain Date Oct 22nd

Join in the parade ~ the sillier, the better!  
Enter your golf cart, wagon, mini bike, riding lawn mower,  
wheel chair, tractor, bicycle, ATV - get creative!

2:00 Line up at OLD Middle School Parking Lot  
located at Nursery St. between 2nd & 3rd St.

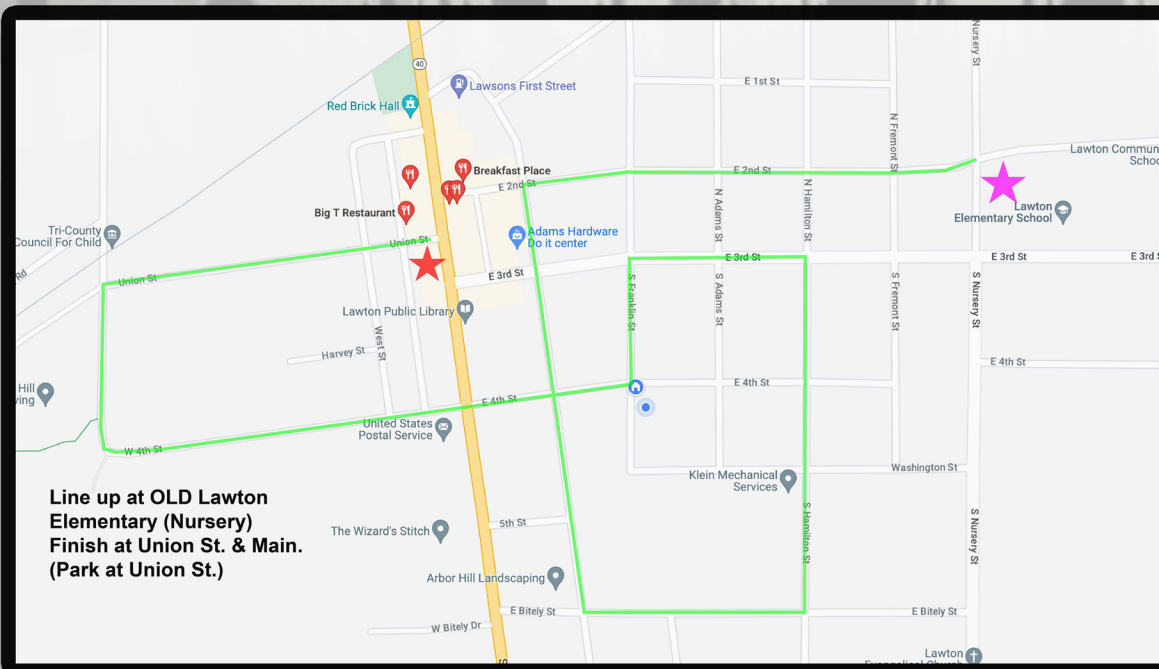
Parade begins at 2:30pm

Please join us after the parade for cider & donuts  
at Reid's Corner, Union St & M-40 downtown.

Prizes awarded for the best decorated entries.

For more information contact the  
Lawton Village at 624-6407 or  
email [clerk@lawtonMI.org](mailto:clerk@lawtonMI.org)

## PARADE MAP



### VILLAGE HALL

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### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Josh Appleby  
President

Eric Dudek  
President Pro-tem

Gail Dudek  
Judy Peterson  
Nicole Smith  
Ren Turner  
Ryan Tanis

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

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

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