



HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

November 2023

VILLAGE HOURS

Clerk's Office Hours:

M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm

CLOSED November 23 & 24

Library Hours:

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

F 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sat 10:00am - 2:00pm

Thurs/Sun Closed

CLOSED November 24 & 25

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

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

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



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Village Office Hours: The Village Offices 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.

Leaf Pick-Up: The Department of Public Works will be picking up leaves until Thursday, November 30th. Any leaves to be collected after the 30th will need to be placed into biodegradable bags and placed by the curb. As a reminder, **leave piles are to be placed by the curbside and not on the road.** This will help prevent clogs in our storm sewer lines. We also ask that you remove all brush from the leave piles to help prevent damage to the machinery used to pick up the leaves.

Brush pick up has ended for the season. If you have a pile by the curb, please remove it. We will resume brush pick-up in the Spring.

Street Parking: Starting November 1st through April 1st, no parking is allowed on Village streets between the hours of 2:00am and 5:00am. Contact the Village Office at 269.624.6407 with any questions.

Holiday Parade: Christmas in the Village is set for Friday, December 08, 2023. The Parade will begin at 7:00pm with Holiday activities to follow. Please follow us on Facebook for updated information.

Christmas Caroling: The Lawton Lions Club would like to invite the public to join them in Christmas Caroling on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. They will be gathering at the Community Center at 6:00pm.

Deck the House: Please check the back side of this newsletter for exciting information on our 2nd Annual Deck the House Christmas Contest.

Thanksgiving Fun Fact: The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade featured Central Park Zoo animals. Held in 1924, the first parade included monkeys, bears, camels, and elephants borrowed from the Central Park Zoo instead of the traditional character balloons we know today (Snoopy has made the most appearances of any balloon).

DECK THE HOUSE

Holiday Lights Contest

Express your best Lawton holiday spirit on the outside of your home or business in our 2nd Annual Deck the House contest!

The Lawton DDA is asking members of the community to celebrate and show off their holiday spirit by decorating their homes and businesses. Participation is free and open to all Lawton Village Residents and Lawton residents located within a two mile radius of the Village! Only decorations visible from the street will be judged. Judging will be based on 'curb appeal'.

BE CREATIVE, BE FESTIVE, AND HAVE FUN WITH IT!

Beginning on December 1st, the Village will list all entries on a map on the Village website and Facebook page to share the holiday joy! Make some time to your schedule to tour the town and vote for the People's Choice Award on Facebook.

Participants must submit a photo of your decorated house or business and address to clerk@lawtonmi.org by December 11, 2023. Please also include the property address, property owner's names, and property owners' contact information. Once submitted, your entry will be placed on our tour map.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

Clark Griswold (overly festive)

Winter Wonderland (beautiful)

People's Choice (voting via Facebook)

Make sure to REGISTER BY DECEMBER 11th. Judging will be conducted by top secret judges on DECEMBER 14th beginning at 6:00pm. ALL participants MUST have their outdoor lights and displays ON by 6:00pm in order to be judged. The TOP three (3) winners will receive a special prize and bragging rights for a year!



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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.