



HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

Village Hours

Clerk's Office Hours:

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

CLOSED December 25 & 26;

December 29 - January 1

Library Hours:

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

F 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sat 10:00am - 2:00pm

Thurs/Sun Closed

*See News & Information article for Holiday closures

Museum Hours:

Please call 269.624.5481 to schedule a tour.

DECEMBER 2023

News & Information

Village Office Hours: The Village Office will be closed December 22, 2023 at 1pm. We will be closed December 25 & 26 in observance of Christmas and December 29 & January 1, 2024 in observance of the New Year. Utility Payment is due on December 27th, if you would like to make a payment, we have a blue payment box located in front of the Clerk's office for your convenience. If you have a water/sewer emergency, please call our on-call line at 269.251.0148.

Lawton Library: The library will be closed to the public, from Friday, December 22 - January 2nd offering curbside service on December 22, 26th, 27th, and 29th, and closed on December 25th and 1st.

Leaf Pick-Up: We want to express our commitment to diligently working as fast as we can to clear the remaining leaf piles across the Village before the impending snowfall. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we strive to complete this task.

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.

Deck the House: You still have time to enter your home in our Deck the House competition. Deadline for entry is Monday, December 11, 2023. For complete details on the competition, visit our website at www.lawtonmi.org and/or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VillageofLawtonMI.

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.

Winter Weather: As we enter the winter weather season, our Department of Public Works will remain committed to keeping your commute safe. We ask that motorists exercise caution during inclement weather events. When plowing and salting operations are underway, please do not crowd the plow and give the crew room to work.

Christmas Fun Fact: Why do we leave milk and cookies for Santa? In America, the tradition of leaving milk and cookies for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve took root during the Great Depression, when parents encouraged children to keep their charitable spirit alive in the face of financial hardship.

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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How to Prevent Frozen Pipes in the Winter

As we move into the winter months and cooler temperatures, make sure to keep an eye on your water pipes and plumbing. Frozen pipes that break or burst can cause expensive water damage. Even a small tear in a water pipe can pour hundreds of gallons of water each minute into your home or residence. As many homeowners take time over the winter holidays to visit family and travel, it's important to know what preventative measures you can take to help prevent frozen or burst pipes.



- If you have pipes that are vulnerable to freezing, allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. The cost of the extra water is low compared to the cost to repair a broken pipe.
- Open cabinet doors to expose pipes to warmer room temperatures to help keep them from freezing.
- A freeze alarm can be purchased for less than \$100 and will call a user-selected phone number if the inside temperature drops below 45 degrees.

Being aware of your internal plumbing can also prevent damage to your plumbing system. We encourage you to:

- Know what areas of your home, such as basements, crawl spaces, unheated rooms and outside walls, are most vulnerable to freezing.
- Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines by repairing broken windows, insulating walls, closing off crawl spaces and eliminating drafts near doors.
- Know the day-time and on-call number to your Department of Public Works (daytime 269.624.6407/ oncall 269.251.0148). If a pipe freezes or bursts, the water will need to be shut off immediately.
- Protect your pipes and water meter. Wrap exposed pipes with insulation or use electrical heat tracing wire; newspaper or fabric might also work. For outside meters, keep the lid to the meter pit closed tightly and let any snow that falls cover it. Snow acts as insulation, so don't disturb it.



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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.