



HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

FEBRUARY 2024

VILLAGE HOURS:

Clerk's Office Hours:

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

Library Hours:

M-W 9:30am - 6:00pm

F 9:30am - 5:00pm

Sat 9:30am - 2:00pm

Th/Sun Closed

Museum Hours:

Please call 269.624.5481 to schedule a tour.

NEWS & INFORMATION

Utility Billing: On March 01, 2023 all accounts with a Meter size of 2" or larger will see a 25% increase on the sewer ready to serve charge. Residential accounts will not see an increase as their meters are below 2" in size. If you have any questions, please call our office at 269.624.6407.

Need tax Prep Help? Flip the newspaper over for a list of agencies that offer programs for free tax help for taxpayers who qualify.

COMING SOON: IRIS - Your Instant Notification Hub!

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you! Our community is set to launch a web-based mass notification system called IRIS, designed to keep you informed and connected like never before. IRIS stands for Instant Response and Information System, and it's here to revolutionize the way we communicate important updates with our residents.

IRIS boasts a high-speed notification and response platform, ensuring that you receive routine, priority, and emergency messages instantly on the devices and method you prefer. This means you'll have access to critical information at your fingertips, allowing you to stay informed and prepared for any situation.

Examples of the notifications you can expect to receive through IRIS include street closures, water main breaks in specific areas, upcoming community events, and schedules for brush and leaf pickup. This ensures that you are always in the loop about what's happening in our community, enhancing your overall experience as a resident.

If you're eager to be part of this initiative, we've made it easy for you. Simply visit the Clerk's Office to fill out a quick form with your contact information, and you'll be all set to receive IRIS notifications tailored to your preferences.

Should you have any questions or if you'd like more information about IRIS, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at Clerk@lawtonmi.org or give us a call at 269.624.6407. Your feedback and participation are crucial as we strive to make our community even more informed.

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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MICHIGAN *FREE* TAX HELP

MichiganFreeTaxHelp.org is powered by the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) and the Michigan Economic Impact Coalition (MEIC). The MEIC is a diverse coalition of free tax preparation providers, financial educators, asset-building practitioners, community-based organizations, and government agencies committed to improving access to free, high-quality income tax preparation assistance.

The MEIC believes that access to free tax preparation services is key to personal financial stability and asset-building. We strive to ensure that all Michiganders can access to these resources—and seek to expand tax credits for working families across the state!

Please visit www.michiganfreetaxhelp.org/faq/ for frequently asked questions and more information.

FREE TAX PREP HELP RESOURCES

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. The VITA program has operated for over 50 years. VITA sites offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including:

- People who generally make \$60,000 or less
- Persons with disabilities; and
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers

In addition to VITA, the TCE program offers free tax help, particularly for those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

Below is a list of nearby providers who participate in these programs:

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
6767 West O Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
800-563-5432

Michigan Works Southwest
1601 South Burdick St
Kalamazoo, MI 49001
800-563-5432

Portage Community Center
325 Centre Street
Portage, MI 49002
800-563-5432

United Way of Kalamazoo
709 South Westnedge Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
800-563-5432



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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.