



# HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

# March 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

**Anticipated Office Closure Notice:** Our staffing levels will be limited during the week of March 18-22, and the office will be closed on March 19th for training purposes. Kindly plan in advance if you require assistance from the Village Office staff.

### COMING SOON: IRIS - Your Instant Notification Hub!

IRIS is set to launch soon! We have included a flyer with extra information about the program and a sign up sheet for you to fill out.

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](mailto: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.

**Brush Pick-up:** Brush pick up will begin in April. Further details will be shared on our website and Facebook page as soon as they become available.

**Village of Lawton Spring Clean-up:** We do not have a date set for the 2024 Spring Clean-up, but it will be in the Month of May. Please check our website, facebook page and next month's newsletter for more details.

**Antwerp Township Transfer Station:** If you prefer not to wait for our Spring Clean Up Event, the Transfer Station, located off CR 652 and 64th Ave, is always available. This facility is free for Antwerp Township residents (Village of Lawton). Operating hours are as follows:

- November 1 to March 31: Saturdays 9 am - 5 pm
- April 1 to October 31: Tuesdays 1 pm - 5 pm  
Saturdays 9 am - 5 pm

To utilize the Transfer Station, you'll need a recycling card. Antwerp Township can provide you with one; simply visit or contact them at 24821 Front Ave, Mattawan 49071, or call 269.668.2615 during office hours from 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Thursday. If needed, the card can be mailed upon request, with a \$5 replacement fee applicable for each household.

## 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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@VillageofLawtonMI

# Get Ready *for the* New Road Ahead

# LAWTON



66th St.  
to  
72nd Ave.

**Construction estimated April 15<sup>th</sup> - August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

It is time for the long-awaited improvements of our streetscape and road! Main St. will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic over the coming months for this purpose. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be installing detour signs soon. According to MDOT, the construction is expected to take place from April 15th to August 23rd, 2024. We will provide regular updates on any changes or progress made during the construction period, so please check our website ([www.lawtonmi.org](http://www.lawtonmi.org)), Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/VillageofLawtonMI](http://www.facebook.com/VillageofLawtonMI)), and our monthly newsletters. For any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us at 269.624.6407.

## NO PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION



During the upcoming construction on Main St., we regret to inform you that our semi-lot, situated at 513 N Main St, adjacent to Modern Well, will be closed to the public from April 1 to August 31, 2024. This temporary closure is necessary to facilitate a smooth and efficient construction process, ensuring the safety of both workers and pedestrians.

We kindly request your cooperation and understanding during this period, as parking in this designated area will be restricted. We understand that parking is crucial, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. To mitigate any inconvenience, we recommend exploring alternative parking options nearby, and we appreciate your patience as we work towards enhancing our community's infrastructure.

For your convenience, we will continue to provide updates on the construction progress, parking availability, and any changes that may affect your daily routines. Please stay tuned to our website ([www.lawtonmi.org](http://www.lawtonmi.org)), Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/VillageofLawtonMI](http://www.facebook.com/VillageofLawtonMI)), and our monthly newsletters for the latest information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 269.624.6407. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we strive to improve our community.



### VILLAGE HALL

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President

Eric Dudek  
President Pro-tem

Gail Dudek

Judy Peterson

Nicole Smith

Ren Turner

Ryan Tanis

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.



# GET NOTICED!



## THE ORIGINAL WEB-BASED MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

IRIS is a high-speed mass notification and response platform which allows water operators and municipalities to send routine, priority and emergency messages to customers and personnel instantly, across multiple channels. Your contacts get the facts they need on the devices and channels they select. IRIS sends this information with amazing speed, while keeping a detailed record of each message.

### IRIS Helps Water Operators

#### Inform the Community

- Send time-sensitive information, such as boil water or contamination notices, to affected residents on all devices in minutes

#### Achieve Operational Excellence

- Maintain accurate and up-to-date customer data
- Document all messages and provide archived records of communication, including a time/date stamp of alerts received

#### Save Money

- Reduce mailing, printing and labor costs by sending late pay and termination notifications
- Recover outstanding funds by routing customers to the billing department for immediate payment

#### Work Smarter

- Intuitive interface allows for quick and simple message creation and broadcasting
- Geographically targeted notifications can contact residents in a specific area, including a weather map overlap, with Call Center Support available 24/7/365



### Why Use IRIS?

Not just an emergency response system, IRIS is adaptable to unlimited applications. Keep your customers and employees safe and up-to-date - from everyday to worst-case scenarios.

- Billing
- Scheduling
- Severe Weather Advisory
- Pipe Freeze Warnings
- Interruption of Services
- Water Contamination Notices
- Reminders & Updates
- Policy Enforcement
- Termination Notices
- Evacuation Orders
- Public Health Updates



***"IRIS is an integral part of our disaster planning and recovery process."***

*Mike Howe, Executive Director  
Texas American Water Works Association*



**UseIRIS.com**

**For Notifications That Get Noticed.**

Powered by TechRadium



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## Using IRIS is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

### 1. Upload Users

Manually, via Spreadsheet or via API Automatically

### 2. Broadcast Your Message

Compose Message, Select Group & Broadcast. Done!  
Create and send alerts from anywhere, anytime.

### 3. View Real-Time Report

Instantly verify who Received Your Message,  
on Which Device, and More.

## CUSTOMIZABLE ALERTS

Build any type of alert or notification, from billing and appointment reminders to emergency alerts. Set alert levels, specify contact groups or locations, schedule in advance, build follow-up responses - all from your office, home or on the go through the IRIS app. And IRIS easily integrates into external third party software such as billing and contact management applications.

**Speed & Reliability**

**Global Service**

**Two-Way SMS**

**Grouping**

**Geo-Located Notices**

**Multi-Lingual**

**Schedule Alerts**

**Voice Record**

**Text-to-Speech**

**One-Click Alerts**

**Automated Responses**

**Surveys and Polls**

**Easy Contact Management**

**Developer Tools**

**Comprehensive Reporting**

**24/7/365 Support**

## Let's Get Started!

**Sign up today and get access to all of the features of IRIS.**

Put the power of the world's first, fastest, most flexible and reliable notification system to work for your company or organization - saving time, saving money... *and maybe saving lives.*

**Visit [UseIRIS.com](http://UseIRIS.com)  
or Call 866-894-5474**



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**For Notifications That Get Noticed.**

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# Village of Lawton

## IRIS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Email 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark which means you would like to receive notifications

Text \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please call 624-6407

**Please return to Lawton Village Hall 125 South Main St. Lawton MI 49065**

Todd Hackenberg

Village Manager