



# HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

# JULY

Two Thousand Twenty Four

## VILLAGE HOURS:

### Clerk's Office Hours:

**Summer Hours**  
M-TH 6:00am – 4:00pm  
F-SUN CLOSED

### 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.

## 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

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



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN** that at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, The Planning Commission for the Village of Lawton adopted a new zoning ordinance and a new zoning map. After adoption at a regular Village Council Meeting on July 9, 2024.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act No. 110 of 2006, as amended, a zoning ordinance regulating the development and land use has been adopted by the legislative body of the Village of Lawton.

## IMPORTANT

## NEWS & INFORMATION

**Construction Updates from the Village Manager:** The construction crews have completed the culvert at the north end of M40/Main St. This week, they are focusing on the culvert between Orchard and 72<sup>nd</sup>. In the next couple of weeks, saw cutting on the sidewalks will commence, and you will notice water main tie-ins on Main St. as preparations for the traffic shift at 4<sup>th</sup> St. begin. This will allow the completion of the intersection work there. Additionally, the curb contractor will soon start working on the curbs, enabling the electrical contractors to run conduit for the street lights. Progress is taking shape nicely.

**Farmer's Market:** The Lawton Farmer's Market is in full swing! Be sure to stop by and check it out every Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. With new vendors every week, there's always something fresh to discover. Visit them at their new location: 780 E 2nd St., in the parking lot on the corner of Nursery and 2nd.

**Consumer Confident Report:** The Village of Lawton's 2023 Consumer Confidence Report is now available for download on our website: [www.lawtonmi.org](http://www.lawtonmi.org) or you can visit the Village Clerk's Office for a copy.

### Library News: Summer Reading Program

7/10 - 2:00pm: CPR - Dance Movement

7/16 - 6:00pm: Michigan Mysteries

7/17 - 2:00pm: Air Zoo

7/24 - ALL DAY - Crafts

7/31 - 1:00pm: Binder Park Zoo

8/07 - 2:00pm: Brad Lancaster

To get a full schedule of the program, please refer to [www.lawtonlibrary.com](http://www.lawtonlibrary.com) or their facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LawtonPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/LawtonPublicLibrary).

**Council Meeting Agendas:** Council Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall, unless otherwise noted. If you have a topic you would like the Council to discuss, please contact the Clerk's office by phone or email to be added to the agenda.

To receive an electronic copy of upcoming agendas, please reach out to the Village of Lawton Clerk at [clerk@lawtonmi.org](mailto:clerk@lawtonmi.org) or call us at 269.624.6407 to be added to our distribution list.



# GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY

## Downtown Lawton M40 Business



One entry per person  
per visit at each participating  
business

**EACH ENTRY WILL QUALIFY  
FOR ONE OF TWO GRAND PRIZES  
DONATED BY FIVE STAR REALTY  
DRAWING AT END OF CONSTRUCTION**

DRAWING RUNS FOR EIGHT WEEKS DURING LAST MONTHS OF CONSTRUCTION. WINNERS CHOSEN BY PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES  
ON WEEKLY DATE OF THEIR CHOICE. Gift cards donated by the Lawton Downtown Development Authority

Each local establishment will be raffling off \$25 gift cards for the next eight weeks (or the duration of construction). At the end of the year, all participants will be entered into a drawing for a YETI cooler and a big screen TV.

We are doing our best to bring people into the community.  
Please share and spread the word!

## REMINDER TO VOTE AUGUST 06

Our road network is vital to the social and economic welfare of the citizens of Van Buren County (VBC). Our economy is based heavily on agriculture, agribusiness and tourism. In addition, thousands of children are transported daily over the county-wide road network. The road millage provides funds for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, and constructing public roads in VBC. The county-wide road millage Proposal is the RENEW the expiring millage for roads. The Proposal seeks to renew a 0.9721-mil for four years. For a home with a taxable value of \$100,000, the mill would cost a homeowner approx. \$100.00 annually. These millage dollars are spent directly on repairing and constructing roads in VBC.



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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.