



# HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

## VILLAGE HOURS

### Clerk's Office Hours:

M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm  
SAT - 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.

Two-Thousand Twenty Four  
**December**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## 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:** 269.299.0012

**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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## PUBLIC NOTICE

There are no public notices for  
the month of December.

**Holiday Closure Notice:** The Village Office will be closed December 20, 2024 at 2pm. We will be closed December 24 - 26, 2024 in observance of Christmas and December 31, 2024 & January 1, 2025 in observance of the New Year. Utility Payments are due on December 27<sup>th</sup>, if you would to drop off a payment during closed hours, 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 Lawton Library will be closed December 24 - 26, 2024 in observance of Christmas and December 31, 2024 & January 1-2, 2025 in observance of the New Year.

**Street Parking Reminder:** From \*\*November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>\*\*, parking is prohibited on Village streets between the hours of \*\*2:00 AM and 5:00 AM\*\*. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office at 269-624-6407.

**Christmas in the Village:** Join us for Christmas in the Village on \*\*Friday, December 13, 2024\*\*! The parade will kick off at \*\*7:00 PM\*\*, followed by festive holiday activities. Any inquiries about the parade, please reach out to Vicki Mrozeck at [vlm6224@gmail.com](mailto:vlm6224@gmail.com). For the latest updates, be sure to follow the \*\*Lawton DDA\*\* on Facebook.

**Deck the House Contest:** You still have time to enter you home in our Deck the House Competition. Deadline for entry is Monday, December 16, 2024. For complete details on the competition, visit our website at [www.lawtonmi.org](http://www.lawtonmi.org) and/or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/VillageofLawtonMI](http://www.facebook.com/VillageofLawtonMI). Details can also be found on last month's Newsletter.

**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.



# 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.