



HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

January

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Welcome to a New Year in Lawton

As we step into 2026, we want to thank every resident, volunteer, business owner, and employee who helped make our village such a special place this past year. Whether you attended a council meeting, helped a neighbor, supported a local business, or simply took pride in your home, you played a part in strengthening our community.

This year, we remain focused on responsible growth, maintaining our infrastructure, and keeping Lawton a safe, welcoming place for all. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and successful New Year.

Lawton Library: Story time is on Wednesdays at 10:30AM for 0-5 year olds.

Council Meeting Agendas: If you would like to receive electronic copies of upcoming agendas or notifications of meeting cancellations, please contact the Village of Lawton Clerk at 269-624-6407 or clerk@lawtonmi.org to be added to our distribution list. Village Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. In the event of a cancellation, notice will be posted on the Village website (www.lawtonmi.org), sent through the email distribution list, and posted in front of the Village Hall.

Winter Weather: As we enter the winter weather season, the Village of Lawton Department of Public Works remains committed to keeping your commute safe. We ask that all motorists use extra caution during inclement weather. When plowing and salting operations are underway, please do not crowd the plows and allow our crews plenty of room to work.

Newsletter Opportunity: If you are interested in helping create a new Lawton newspaper, please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lawton Community Room, located between the Village Office and the Lawton Public Library.

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.

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

Address: 125 S Main St

Mail: PO Box 367

After-hours water/sewer emergency:
269.251.0148



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PUBLIC NOTICE!

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday February 03, 2026 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of Village Hall, 125 S Main St. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on a Special Use Permit Application filed by Pin High Golf Course 1020 N Main St. Lawton, MI 49065 (PPN 80-45-700-029-01).

Original will be posted on our website and the Courier Leader.

Winter in Lawton

As the snow falls and the days grow colder, winter gives us a chance to slow down, look out for one another, and take pride in the community we call home. Whether you're shoveling your sidewalk, checking in on a neighbor, bundling up your pets, or simply enjoying the quiet beauty of the season, each small act helps keep Lawton safe, warm, and connected. Let's continue to work together to make this winter a good one for everyone.

Winter Safety & Tips:

Staying Warm



- Seal drafts, keep cabinets open to protect pipes.
- Never use ovens or grills for heat.
- Check smoke & carbon monoxide detectors.

Snow & Ice Etiquette



- Shovel sidewalks within 24 hours.
- Keep fire hydrants clear.
- Don't push snow into streets.
- Watch for children & pedestrians.

Cold Weather Pet Care



- Limit outdoor time in extreme cold.
- Provide warm, dry shelter.
- Check paws for ice or salt.
- Keep pets off frozen ponds.

Neighborly Reminder



- Check in on elderly or vulnerable neighbors.
- Offer help with shoveling.
- Share warmth whenever you can.

Share Your Snow Day!

Send your winter photos of Lawton to clerk@lawtonmi.org for a chance to be featured in February's newsletter!



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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.