



HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

June 2026

SCHOOL'S OUT, SUMMER'S IN!

Summer Hours: The Village of Lawton Clerk's Office is now on summer hours. Our office hours are as follows: M-TH 6am-4:30pm. These hours will remain through Labor Day Weekend.

Splash Pad: Please remember that children should avoid repeatedly hitting the splash pad activation button or playing roughly with equipment. Frequent misuse can cause breakdowns and interruptions that affect everyone enjoying the space. Parents and guardians are encouraged to help supervise children so we can keep the splash pad running all summer long!

Summer Property Reminders: As summer gets underway, please help keep our Village looking its best:

- Keep grass and weeds maintained
- Remove debris and clutter from yards
- Keep sidewalks and streets clear

Chauncey Lewis Park - Pavillion Rentals: Reservations are being accepted for both our Big and Small Pavilions for your spring and summer gatherings. Whether you're planning a party, picnic, or special event, we've got the perfect space for you! To reserve a pavilion, simply visit our website, give us a call, or stop by our office to fill out an application.

Summerfest: Lawton is known for its annual Summerfest celebration and the strong community spirit that makes our Village a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. We encourage everyone to join in the festivities and enjoy a day filled with fun, entertainment, and community pride. Be sure to check out the Summerfest flyer on page 4 of this newsletter, as well as flyers posted throughout town, to see everything this year's event has to offer!

Kids Corner: Summer Scavenger Hunt: Can you find:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly | <input type="checkbox"/> Firefly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red flower | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird nest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice cream cone |

VILLAGE HOURS

Clerk's Office Hours:

M-TH 6:00am - 4:30pm
FRI - 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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@VillageofLawtonMI

PUBLIC NOTICE!

There are no public notices for June at this time.

For updated information, please visit our website
www.lawtonmi.org

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LAWTON MI

— EST. 1869 —

MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER

*Building a Stronger
Lawton, Together.*

As we move through another busy summer season, I would like to share several exciting projects that will have a lasting impact on our community.



\$400,000 CDBG HOUSING GRANT

The Village was recently awarded a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist eligible homeowners with housing improvements.

This funding will help improve the quality of housing within our community and support residents who may otherwise be unable to complete needed repairs.



NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS

We are nearing completion of our new pickleball courts, which were funded through a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant.

Once the final work is completed and the net systems are installed, the courts will be opened for public use.

We look forward to providing this new recreational opportunity for residents and visitors alike!



LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Village continues to make progress on our Lead Service Line Replacement Project, an important investment in our water system infrastructure.

This project will help ensure compliance with state requirements while improving the reliability and safety of our drinking water system for years to come.



These projects, along with our ongoing efforts to maintain village services and infrastructure, demonstrate our commitment to investing in Lawton's future. Thank you to our residents, businesses, volunteers, and community partners for your continued support. Together, we are building a stronger community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Todd Hackenberg
Village Manager



For living here.



For supporting local.



For making Lawton a great place to call home!



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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.



Lawton Public Library News



 www.lawtonlibrary.org

 269-624-5481

 @lawtonpubliclibrary



Adult Book Club:

Thursday, June 18th at 11:30 a.m. will be at the Library for a special program. Any changes can be found on Facebook and our Website www.lawtonlibrary.org. We are reading *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle* and *Flying Club* by Helen Simonson.



The Outside Dropbox is behind the fire department, drive up and drop off!



Murder Mystery Club – is Tuesday, June 30th at 5:30 p.m. We are reading the book *Shadow of the Bridge* by Aine Cain.



Display Case: June and July will be all things Summer Reading.



Knitting Club meets every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., whether you're experienced or not, stop in and see what these ladies are working on. Many of these ladies can offer tips, tricks, and new ideas for your next project.



by **OverDrive**

Libby by Overdrive now offers Magazines, along with books, eBooks, and much more. Take a look and if you have any questions stop in and we can help you navigate through.



Story Time – Has ended for the Summer. **Summer Reading Begins June 17th at 1:00 p.m.**



We appreciate your patience as our previous book vendor recently closed,

and we've been working with our new vendor as they assume ordering for all libraries. New books we have received, along with many donations:

Summer Reading –



Wednesday – July 17th – SUMMER READING KICK OFF – Sarett Nature Center beginning at 1:00 p.m. Sign up for Reading program can be before the program or after.



Wednesday – July 24th – Mr. Jim- Can You Dig It? Interactive Magic Show at 1:00 p.m.



Tuesday – July 30th – Tim Muxlow Exotic Animal Show at 3:00 p.m.

- *Kin* by Tayari Jones
- *Western Stories* by Jeff Mariotte
- *Where we Belong* by Kim Vogel Sawyer
- *Rambling Down the Range* by Dusty Richards
- *Thunder of the Mountain Man* by William W. Johnstone
- *Chase the Light* by Suzanne Fisher Woods
- *Prowl* by Colleen Coble
- *The Rancher* by Peter Brandvold
- *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett
- *Mona's Eyes* by Thomas Schlessler
- *Buried in the Hills* by A.J. Rivers
- *Dark is When the Devil Comes* by Daisy Pearce
- *26 Beauties* by James Patterson
- *This Book Made me think of You* by Libby Page
- *Caller Unknown* by Gillian McAllister
- *The Old Girls' Island Getaway* by Kate Galley
- *The Last Mandarin* by Mellisa Fung
- *The Keeper* by Tana French
- *The Infinite Sadness of Small Appliances* by Glenn Dixon
- *Finlay Donovan Crosses the Line* by Elle Cosimano
- *Thistlemarsh* by Moorea Corrigan
- *Ironwood* by Michael Connelly
- *When Justice Comes* by Colleen Coble
- *Sanctuary* by James Cleary
- *Wolvers* by Taylor Brown
- *The Well Educated Child* by Deborah Kenny
- *Wild Tea* by Nick Moyle



If we're unable to order it, we can often borrow it through **MEL**, our free interlibrary loan service available to all patrons. Feel free to reach out to our staff with any questions.



LAWTON SUMMERFEST 2026

★ SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026 ★

Join us for a full day of family fun, live entertainment, games, food, shopping, and fireworks in *Downtown Lawton!*

★ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ★

9:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Street closes along with 2nd & 3rd Streets at Railroad Car Show and Craft Show participant setup begins
9:00 – 11:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car Show Setup – Main Street Craft Show Setup – 3rd Street
10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cornhole Tournament Registration Begins – 2nd Street
11:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face Painting by Maile & Friends begins – Fire Hall Car Show Opens – Main Street Craft Show Opens – 3rd Street Farmers Market Opens – Reid's Corner Ben Jammin Live at Reid's Corner Cornhole Tournament Begins – 2nd Street
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardio Drumming – Main Street (Food Truck Area next to Fire Department Parking Lot)
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motorcycle Show – Main Street near Red Brick Hall Rock Painting – Lawson's 3rd Street Station
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dunk Tank – Village Hall
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kids Games – Fire Hall
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live Music by Tyler Roy – Reid's Corner
5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summerfest Parade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line-Up Begins at 4:00 PM in Front of the Elementary School Parade Route Down 2nd Street
6:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magician Performance – Reid's Corner
6:45 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Anthem performed by Dan Brooks
7:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hairmania Live on Stage & Street Dance Bring Your Lawn Chairs No Alcohol Permitted on Main Street
DUSK	 <i>Fireworks Show!</i> 
MIDNIGHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleanup Complete • Streets Reopen

Something for Everyone!

★ CAR SHOW ★



MAIN STREET

CRAFT SHOW



3RD STREET

MOTORCYCLE SHOW



MAIN STREET
NEAR RED BRICK HALL

FARMERS MARKET



REID'S CORNER

LIVE MUSIC



ALL DAY LONG!

KIDS ACTIVITIES



GAMES, FACE PAINTING,
DUNK TANK & MORE!

FOOD TRUCKS



NEXT TO FIRE HALL
ALL DAY!

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!



Fun for the
Whole Family!



CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Fun ★ Family ★ Friends

★ THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS! ★

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