Welcome to Lawton!

As a new resident, we would like to share with you some of the services and recreational opportunities to those living in our area.If you do not find the answers to your questions inside this packet, we are available at 125 S. Main St,by phone at 269-624-6407, or by email at clerk@lawtonmi.org. You can also access our website at www.lawtonmi.org for information

Village Council

Village President: Josh Appleby
Village President Pro-Tem: Eric Dudek
Council Member: Judy Peterson
Council Member: Gail Dudek
Council Member: Nikki Smith
Council Member: Ren Turner
Council Member: Ryan Tanis

Government Officials

Village Manager/Cemetery Sextant: Todd Hackenberg
Police Chief: Greg Cordes
Fire Chief: Kevin Cook
Village Treasurer: Melina Leonard
Village Clerk: Brittany Rathbun
Library Director: Lyn Tone

Board and Commission Meetings

The following Board and Commission Meetings are held in Council Chambers, 125

S. Main St., Lawton.

- Planning Commission—1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM
- Village Council—2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM
- Fire Board—1st Thursday of each month at 7:00PM
- Downtown Development Authority—3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM
- Library Board—4th Monday of each month at 6:30PM (Meeting held in Library)

If you would like to be on our Village Council Agenda Distribution List, please email brathbun@lawtonmi.org

Department Directory

Clerk's Office……269-624-6407
Department of Public Works……269-624-6406
DPW on Call (After Hours) ……269-251-0148
Police Department (non-emergency) ……269-624-2382
Fire Department (non-emergency) ……269-624-7470
Library……269-624-5481

Water & Sewer

- Water Monthly Readiness to Serve Fee (residential ¾" meter)……..$17.60
- Monthly Water Usage……..$4.05/1000 gallons
- Sewer Monthly Readiness to Serve Fee (residential ¾" meter)……$38.00
- Monthly Sewer Usage Charge……..$5.00/1000 gallons
- *If you are a business owner, or a home without a ¾" meter, please contact the Clerk's office for more information, as your readiness to serve fees will be different than those listed above.*

Water and Sewer are provided by the Village of Lawton. An $80 deposit is required to open your account. You will be billed monthly for your service. Bills will be issued around the 8th of the month and are due on the 25th of the month (unless the 25th falls on a weekend or holiday, in which case the due date will be the next business day). A 10% late penalty will be applied on the following business day for all unpaid bills. Payments can be made to the Village of Lawton via cash, check, money order, or credit card. Paying by Credit card has a 3% fee attached. Bills can be paid online via link on our website.

Library

The Lawton Public Library is located in Village Hall, 125 S. Main Street. Hours of Operation are Monday through Friday 10:00am-6:00pm (Closed Thursdays), and Saturdays 10:00 AM-2:00PM. The library has several programs available for all ages. Fore more program information, please visit their website at https://www.lawtonlibrary.com/. They can also be found on Facebook and Instagram!

Museum

The Lawton Public Museum, also located in Village Hall, is open with limited summer hours, or by appointment. Visits by individuals or groups can be arranged by calling the library at 269-624-5481.

Chancey Lewis Park (Kid's Dream)

Chancy Lewis Park is open each day from 7:00am-10:00pm. The splash Pad located within the park is open between Memorial Day and Labor Day from 10:00am-8:00pm. Both the large and small pavilions may be reserved, and it is encouraged to do so. Form can be found on our website, and any questions may be directed to the clerk's office at 269.624.6407.

Nearest Hospital Locations

Bronson Lakeview Hospital

Open 24 Hours

269-657-3141

408 Hazen St Paw Paw, MI 49079

Schools

Lawton Community Schools

101 Primary Way

Lawton, MI 49065

269-624-4661

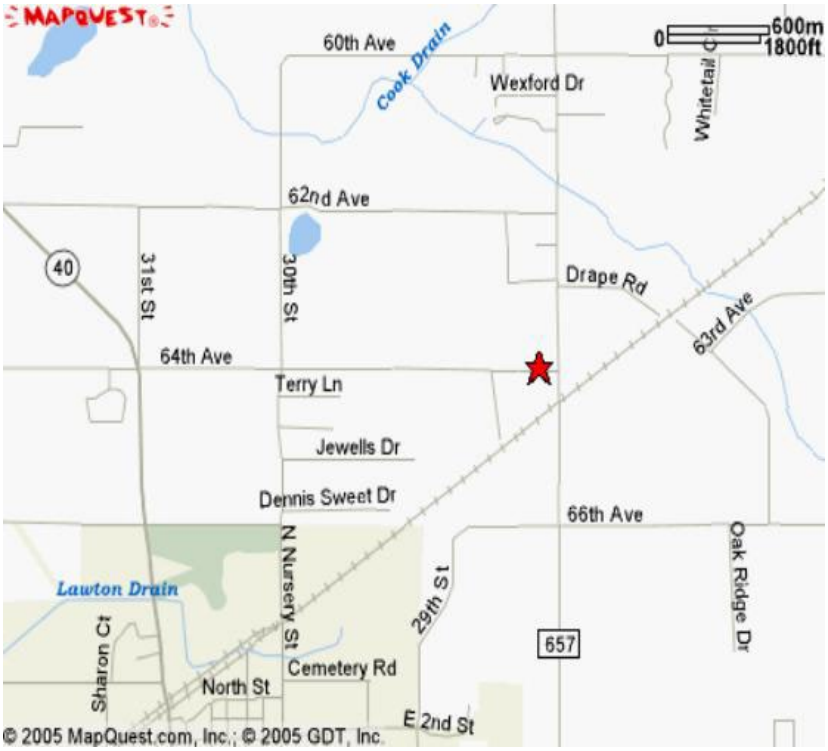
Permits

- Construction performed within the Village of Lawton may require one or more permits. Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing permits are handled through Safebuilt. Safebuilt can be contacted at 269-729-9244.
- The Following permits can be found in the clerk's office, or on our website:
    - Sign Permit
    - Peddlers Permit
    - Zoning Permits
    - Demolition Permits
    - Right of Way Permits
    - Fence Permit
        - Fences require permits, and are subject to the zoning ordinances that can be found on the village website https://www.lawtonmi.org/. These permits are available to property owners at no cost, however, must be approved by the Village Manager prior to construction.
    - Garage Sale Permits
        - Garage sales require permits, which are available (at no cost) from the Village Clerk's Office. Individual residents are limited to two sales per year (3 days) at each location.

Utilities		
Consumers Energy	800.477.5050	ConsumersEnergy.com
Indiana Michigan Power	800.311.4634	Indianamichiganpower.com
Water and Sewer	269-624-6407	lawtonmi.org
Cable, TV, & Internet		
Comcast/Xfinity	800.934.6489	Xfinity.com
Frontier Communications	616.554.0734	frontier.com
Garbage/Recycling		
Republic Waste	888-249-5112	Republicservices.com
Best Way Disposal	269-388-3300	Best-waydisposal.com
• The Antwerp Transfer station also has a list of recycling items they take for free. Transfer Station cards are available for free to all Village of Lawton residents at Antwerp Township hall located in Mattawan.		

What does Antwerp Township Handle for Residents?

- Village of Lawton Taxes are collected by Bonnie Osborne, Antwerp Township Treasurer. Payments are to be made to Antwerp Township and can be mailed or brought in person to the Township Office, 24821 Front Ave, Mattawan, MI 49071-9501.
- Property Transfer Affidavits, and Principle Residential Exemption Form (if applicable) go through Antwerp township. Visit their website at www.antwerptownship.com for more information.
- Recycling cards for the Antwerp Township Transfer Station located on Township Transfer station Road can be obtained at the Antwerp Township Office in Mattawan.



- Senior Services are available through the township. The website at Antwerp township has both a schedule and a quarterly newspaper available. The Antwerp Senior Services Administrator can be reached at kchopp@antwerptownship.com or 269-668-2615x208

How to Stay Informed

- Visit our website at lawtonmi.org
- A newsletter comes with your water bill each month, if you would like to receive this electronically subscribe on our website!

- Join our Council Agenda Subscription list by emailing the village clerk at clerk@lawtonmi.org
- Follow us on social Media: Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VillageofLawtonMI/

How to Report an Issue

Power or Street Light Outages—Streetlight or general power outages should be reported to Indiana Michigan Power. For burned out or flickering street lights, visit this street light problem webpage. For power outages, visit Indiana Michigan's Outages & Restoring Power. You may also call 800.311.4634.

File an Ordinance Investigation –if you would like to report an issue with the police department that is a non-emergency for things such as abandoned vehicles, overgrown weeds or grass, a sidewalk hazard, a sign violation, yard waste, or trash, you can find the fillable form on our website, or contact the Village office by phone at 269.624.2382

Yard or Brush Issue—If you have questions or concerns on the yard waste pickup schedule, or need to report downed branches after a storm, you can contact the Department of Public Works at 269.624.6406.

Common Ordinance Violations

An Extensive List of Lawton's Village Ordinances can be found on our website. Here are some ordinances that residents commonly have questions on.

Ordinance 93.01 ANTI-BLIGHT (GRASS)

(10) In any area, the existence of grass, weeds, or brush that constitute a fire hazard or is in violation of this Section governing the cutting and destroying of grass, weeds, and brush in the Village. (a) Developed property: Property that has been developed in any zone must be maintained in such a way that growth does not exceed 8" in height. (b) Undeveloped or vacant property: Property that has not been developed in any zone must be maintained as follows: (1) The interior of the property may be left to grow (2) The perimeter of the property on all sides

must be cut 6 feet back from the property lines and street side to 8 inches or less a distance of 6 feet. Please see Village Ordinance for more details.

Ordinance 93.01 ANTI-BLIGHT (JUNK/TRASH)

(3) In any area, the storage or accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish, or refuse of any kind, except domestic refuse stored in such a manner as not to create a nuisance. The term "junk" shall include bottles, cans, garbage, rubbish, parts of machinery or motor vehicles, appliances stored in the open, remnants of wood, metal or any other materials and/or building materials, or other cast-off material of any kind, whether or not the same could be put to any reasonable use. Please see Village Ordinance for more details.

Burning Ordinance 93.02

Open Burning in the Village of Lawton is prohibited. Burning of materials such as: trees, logs, shrubs, brush, leaves, refuse and grass that DO NOT fit in a burn pit or patio is prohibited. Please see Village Ordinance for more details.

Yard Waste & Brush Collection

Brush Pickup is done April-November by zone. Zone 1 includes everything north of 3rd Street and will be picked up on the First and Third weeks of the month. Zone 2 includes everything South of Third Street and will be picked up on the Second and Fourth weeks of the month. Residents need to have brush to the street by 7 am on the Monday of their scheduled pick-up week. Brush should be stacked next to the road in one pile that does not exceed 4 feet in height, with branch sections no longer than 8 feet in length, and no thicker than 4 inches in diameter. For more details see our website.

Annual Events and Services

Lawton provides many community events and services to support a thriving small town. Keep an eye out for more details on upcoming events in the monthly newsletter.

- Summerfest
- Village-Wide Trick-or-Treating
- Tree-Lighting and Santa Parade
- Spring Clean Up
- Fall Leaf Clean up: September-Snow
- Farmer's Market: July-October
- Summer Reading Program at the library
- Memorial Day Parade

Local Volunteer Opportunities

- Village Boards: Stop in to see what we have open!
- Summerfest: Contact Heather Shannon at 269-655-4262
- Eleanor's Pantry: 269-415-0444
- Lawton Lion's Club: Reach out to enrollment coordinator Dan Pratley at 269-624-1529 or 269-569-0762 for more information.
- Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan: https://www.gshom.org/en/get-involved/become-a-volunteer.html
- AFL (Adopt a Friend for Life): adoptafriendforlife.org/volunteer-application/
- Many of the Youth Sports Programs on the next page are run with help from volunteers, reach out and see how you can help!

Lawton Area Youth Sports

- **Lawton Youth Baseball and Softball**:
  - Find them on Facebook under "Lawton Youth Baseball & Softball Lawton, MI"
  - Pre-K through 6th grade
- **AYSO Soccer Region 74:**
  - **https://www.ayso74.org/Default.aspx?tabid=737341**
- **Please contact Lawton Community Schools for other Sports!**

Who are my Elected Representatives?

Title	Name	Affiliation	Phone #	Email
County Commissioner	Tina Leary	[redacted]	269-657-8271	learyt@vanburencountymi.gov
State Senator District 19	Sean McCann	Democratic	517-373-5100	sensmccann@senate.michigan.gov
State House Representative	Pauline Wendzel	Republican	517-373-1799	paulinewendzel@house.mi.gov
United States House Representative	Bill Huizenga	Republican	269-569-8595	huizenga@mail.house.gov
U.S. Senate	Gary Peters	Democratic	616-233-9150	senatore@peters.senate.gov
U.S. Senate	Debbie Stabenow	Democratic	616-975-0052	senator@stabenow.senate.gov

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