



HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

OCTOBER 2024

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.

NEWS & INFORMATION

Village Manager Absence Notice: Please be advised that our Village Manager will be out of the office from October 11th to October 25th and will have limited cell reception during this time. For any Public Works questions, please contact Jim Stermer at 269.299.0012. All other inquiries will be addressed after October 25th. Thank you for your understanding!

Trick or Treating 2024: It's that time of year again! Grab your costumes and Halloween buckets for a fun Halloween night in the Village of Lawton. On Thursday, October 31st, the siren will sound off at 5:30 PM to commence trick or treating, and another will sound at the end at 7:30 PM.

Lawton Evangelical Church: Unfortunately, the church (located at 425 S Nursery) will not be hosting its Pumpkin Fest this year.

Fall Escapade Parade: Due to the uncertainty of the construction timeline, the Village has decided to cancel the Fall Escapade Golf Cart Parade.

Leaf Pick-Up Notice: Leaf pick-up will begin when the majority of leaves start to fall, typically at the end of October, and will continue until the end of November or the first snowfall. Please place leaves at the curb, not in the street. Leaf piles should consist only of leaves; please do not include branches, twigs, or other yard waste, as this could damage our leaf vac and delay the pickup schedule. For any questions, please contact the Public Works Department.

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

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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

There are no public notices for the month of October.

Library News: Save the Date:

MIPRO
Michigan Paranormal
is coming to the
library.
OCTOBER 30TH
AT 6:00 P.M.

Do you have experiences, questions,
or your own story to tell?
If your story can spook the crew
you will be picked to stay and investigate the Library
after the program.
MIPRO will be talking about their hunt in the Library this
past year.

THE IMPACT OF "FLUSHABLE" WIPES ON SEWERS

While many wipes are marketed as "flushable," they often create significant problems for sewer systems. Unlike toilet paper, which disintegrates quickly in water, most flushable wipes do not break down easily. This leads to blockages in pipes, damage to wastewater treatment equipment, and costly repairs for municipalities.

When wipes are flushed, they can combine with fats, oils, and other debris, forming large clogs known as "fatbergs." These masses can block entire sections of a sewer system, causing sewage backups and even spilling untreated wastewater into the environment. Addressing these issues requires extensive maintenance and increases the operational costs of wastewater treatment facilities.

Despite efforts to label wipes as "flushable," most wastewater experts recommend disposing of them in the trash. Sewer systems are designed to handle human waste and toilet paper, not wipes, sanitary products, or other non-biodegradable materials. By keeping wipes out of the toilet, homeowners can prevent plumbing issues, and communities can avoid costly sewer maintenance and environmental harm.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR SEWER LINES CLEAR

There are a few simple things you can do to keep your sewer line clear and in good working order. Here's a quick overview of what they are!

Depending on the problem, a sewer line repair can cost a few thousand dollars. Because it can be such an expensive undertaking, it is important that you learn how to maintain a sewer line to help you avoid sewer line clogs.

Be Cautious About Putting Food in Drains: Food waste is heavier than other types of waste, meaning it does not flow through your sewer line as other things would. This also means that food can gather in the line and cause buildup. By scraping food off of your dishes and into the garbage can, you can avoid sewer line clogs.

Don't Flush Any Non-Food Items: Any item that does not properly break down will not flush through your entire plumbing system. They will catch on debris and may eventually create a blockage in your plumbing system. Even products that are labeled as flushable, like tampons and baby wipes can create blockages. Instead, it is best to throw these away.

Use High-Volume Flush: Using a high-volume toilet will flush any solid waste out of your sewer line, even in areas with a negative slope.

Avoid FOG Buildup: Because fats, oils, and grease are high-protein materials, they frequently cause buildup in drains. As the buildup increases, the pipe passageway gets smaller and smaller. To keep your sewer lines clear and free from blockage, it is important that you never let fats, oils, and grease go down your drain. If you cook greasy foods, it is best to wipe them out with a cloth or paper towel to get most of this grease off of your dishes.



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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.