# THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE 2024 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Scan the QR Code for the latest updates on the I-41 project and construction start dates.

2400 Shady Court

De Pere, WI 54115







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(920)336-9131



Business Hours: Monday – Thursday 7:00am-4:00pm, Friday 7:00am-11:00am

# CHAIRPERSON MESSAGE



Dear Town of Lawrence Resident,

We are extremely fortunate to live in a community with an abundance of assets and situated in a strategic location that promotes a quality style of living. Our rapid population growth and continued residential, recreational, and business development are exciting for us. Lawrence truly is a "Great place to live and work!"

Infrastructure development is a key factor in the development of vibrant communities. The I-41 project is currently underway to expand from four (4) to six (6) lanes and reconstruct several interchanges between WIS 96 (Wisconsin Avenue) in Appleton and County F (Scheuring Road) in De Pere. Please scan the QR code on the cover page for more information.

The Town is continually planning and pursuing infrastructure improvements. A new roundabout will be constructed in 2025 on the Mid Valley Road and Grant Street intersection to enhance traffic patterns and improve safety. A Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant was obtained to fund 80% of this project. The remaining 20% will be split between the Town and Brown County. The Town has budgeted \$373,000 for road improvements. The final phase of the Bain Brook Subdivision roads will be completed this year. The Town was also awarded a grant from WI Dept. of Transportation Town Road Improvement Program. This grant will be used to reconstruct Scheuring Road west of Packerland Dr. to the Hobart border and to install curb and gutter. These projects are well-planned and significant initiatives for our development.

Successful communities must provide recreational opportunities for their residents. Quarry Park received upgrades last year and \$200,000 will be used to construct two (2) new pickleball courts and resurface the parking lot, basketball court, and trail later this summer. We will continue to develop the Town's Bike & Pedestrian Plan with the input of residents serving on the committee and assisted by Brown County. We are also planning future parks in the vicinity of Lawrence Parkway and Williams Grant Drive.

Town entities of Impact Sports Academy (ISA), Sports Emporium, and NEW Rugby Foundation recently received Brown County Tourism Grant funding for new upcoming projects in the Lawrence Parkway corridor. A \$1 million combined total was awarded for these projects. Those initiatives will attract visitors to our area to promote tourism.

A key effort in future Town development is our Comprehensive Plan nearing completion this spring. Residents, Town staff, and Brown County Planning Commission have spent 2023 and part of 2024 developing the Comprehensive Plan. I would like to thank them for their hard work as it will be extremely valuable in future development!

For any questions not addressed in this newsletter or on our website, please call the Town Hall at (920) 336-9131. You can also "Like" us on Facebook (Town of Lawrence-Government Page).

Please drive carefully where pedestrians and bicyclists are present. Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for an enjoyable spring and summer!

Dr. Lanny J Tibaldo Town Chairperson





### VOTING LOCATION

Lawrence Town Hall 2400 Shady Court De Pere, WI 54115



Polls are open from 7:00am-8:00pm on Election Day

A photo ID is required to vote

### WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT

Sample ballots can be found:

- 1. Town of Lawrence website a. www.lawrencewi.gov
- 2. Lawrence Town Hall
  - a. 2400 Shady Court, De Pere, WI 54115
- 3. MyVote Wisconsin website

a. Scan QR Code

### ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

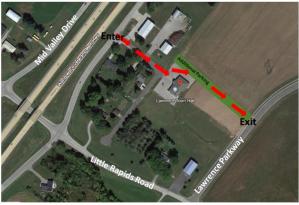
- Request an absentee ballot
  - Online at Myvote.wi.gov or scan QR Code
  - In-person at Lawrence Town Hall
    - 2400 Shady Court, De Pere, WI 54115
- Absentee voting begins the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday before an election at Lawrence Town Hall
  - 9:00am 3:00pm (Monday-Thursday), 8:00am-11:00am (Friday)

# ELECTIONS & VOTING

## **Election Day Parking**

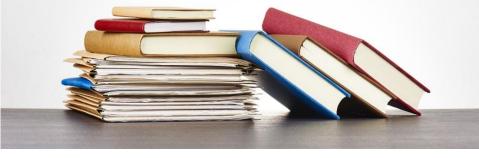
On Election Day, we asked that residents use French Road (by the Fire Department) to access the Town Hall. Additional parking was added to the North of the building to accommodate the additional traffic. Upon leaving, we ask that you exit using the additional driveway towards Lawrence Parkway.

Signs will be posted, and we will have staff assisting as well.





## CLERK'S CORNER



#### **BARTENDER/OPERATOR LICENSE**

ANYONE WISHING TO BE EMPLOYED AS AN OPERATOR UNDER §125.17, WIS. STATS., SHALL MAKE WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE TO THE TOWN CLERK. NO OPERATOR'S LICENSE SHALL BE GRANTED TO A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE. LICENSES ARE VALID FROM JULY 1 TO JUNE 30. FEES ARE IN THE TOWN FEE SCHEDULE. ALL APPLICANTS SHALL COMPLY WITH §125.17(6), WIS. STATS.

#### Planning a graduation party, bridal shower, or family reunion?

#### TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM QUARRY PARK SHELTER

- YEAR-ROUND RENTAL
  WARMING KITCHEN
- RENTAL AVAILABLE MAY 1 – NOVEMBER 1

FOR AVAILABILITY, PLEASE CALL THE TOWN HALLAT (920) 336-9131

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BEFOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

#### 2024 OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE ASSESSOR WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 3PM-5PM ON THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 AT THE LAWRENCE TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS YOUR PROPERTY VALUE. TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CONTACT ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL AT 920-749-1995

IF THE PROPERTY OWNER IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE ASSESSMENT AFTER ATTENDING OPEN BOOK, THE PROPERTY OWNER WILL NEED TO FILE AN OBJECTION FORM TO HAVE YOUR CASE HEARD BEFORE THE BOARD. THIS NOTIFICATION MUST BE RECEIVED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024 AT 4:00PM AT THE LAWRENCE TOWN HALL. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION



The second installment payment of real estate taxes is due by July 31, 2024. Payments are collected by the Brown County Treasurer.

UNSURE ON HOW TO DISPOSE OF MATERIALS SUCH AS OLD PAINT, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, TIRES OR EVEN FURNITURE?

What do I do with?...





VISIT BROWN COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY OR SCAN QR CODE TO FIND SPECIFIC DISPOSAL INFORMATION

OIL



# SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

### Renting a room or your house for a weekend, Packer game, NFL Draft?

On March 11, 2024, the Lawrence Town Board adopted an ordinance to create a permit requirement for properties that are being rented for a fee for fewer than 30 consecutive days as defined by Wisconsin State law.

This new ordinance allows property owners the opportunity to earn revenue from such occupancy with the increased travel and tourism in the surrounding area, while ensuring that such uses are operated in accordance with applicable Town regulations.

The ordinance requires all Short-Term Rentals in the Town of Lawrence to obtain a Short-Term Rental Permit from the Town. A permit runs July 1-June 30. Applications submitted after the deadline are subject to late fees. Property owners are not to advertise and rent out their property prior to issuance of the Short-Term Rental Permit (STRP). Approval of at Short Term Rental Permit may take up to 30 business days once all needed information is submitted.

All Short-Term Rentals are required to collect room tax and must remit to the Town Clerk/Treasurer monthly (see Town Ordinance 40-Room Tax). Failure to file will result in the cancellation of your short-term rental permit.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the Town's STR ordinance to determine if a property is eligible for a Short-Term Rental permit.

If you are interested in renting out your property or would like more information, call the Town Hall at (920) 336-9131 or visit our website: <u>www.lawrencewi.gov</u>





### SILT SOCK DISPOSAL

Silt socks are filled with 100% recycled materials like wood chips or straw. When a project is complete, simply cut the fabric sock, dump out the recycled material and rake into the final grade so it decomposes in the soil. Dispose of the fabric sock in the garbage can.





#### **Stormwater Ponds**

Stormwater ponds are constructed man-made or modified natural basins designed to capture and retain stormwater runoff for the purpose of removing pollutants, flood relief, and reducing downstream water quantity impacts. They are designed to receive and hold a volume of runoff for a specific period of time or until it is displaced by the next storm.

Here are some ways you can help maintain stormwater ponds:

- DO NOT mow grass to the edge of the pond.
- Avoid dumping anything in the pond, especially aquatic pets.
  - This is prohibited by the Town, State, and Federal Government, unless appropriate permits are obtained.
- Keep litter, yard waste and pet waste out of the drainage ditches and storm drains.
- Report the following issues with the pond:
  - o Odor problems
  - Visible damage to shoreline or slope
  - Excessive algae growth
  - o Invasive species



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www.DiggersHotline.com

Wisconsin Public Service Natural Gas 1-800-450-7280

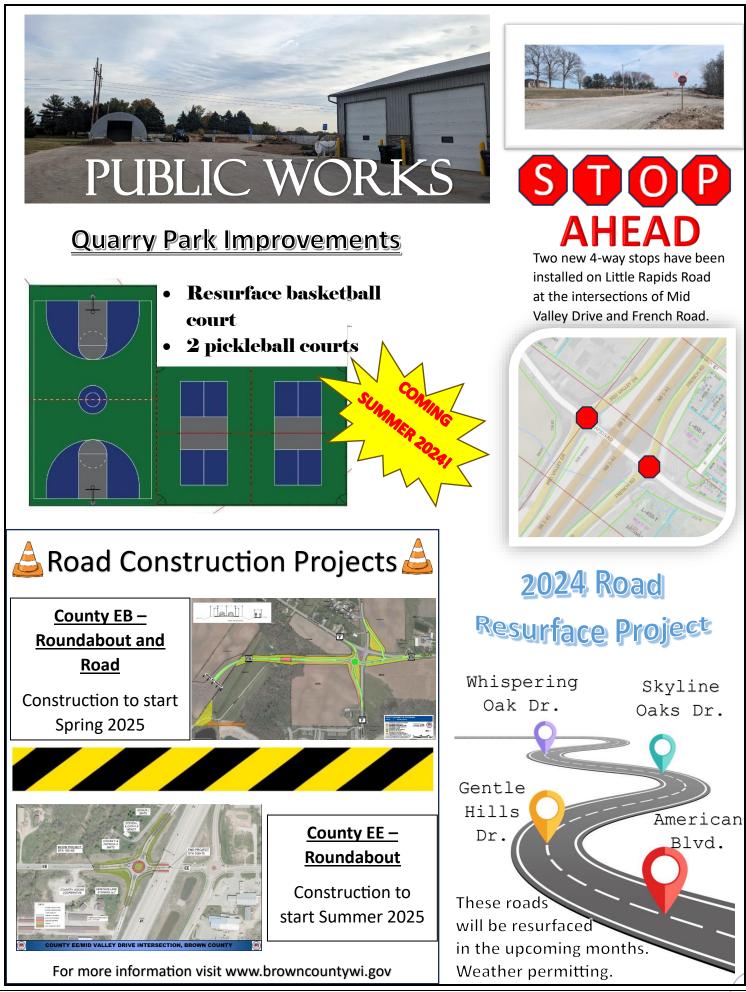
> <u>Electricity</u> 1-800-450-7240



SUMMER TIME ALSO MEANS LAWN MAINTENANCE TIME.

PER TOWN ORDINANCE 300-20(B) STATES "RESIDENTIAL LOTS SHALL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT WEEDS, NOXIOUS PLANTS, AND GRASSES DO NOT EXCEED 12 INCHES IN HEIGHT AT ANY TIME.

NOTICES WILL BE SENT TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE IN VIOLATION. IF THE PROPERTY OWNER FAILS TO CUT THE TALL GRASS OR REMOVE WEEDS, CITATIONS AND PENALITIES COULD BE ENFORCED.



## **Calendar of Events**

### May - October

#### May 2024

- 8 Planning & Zoning Meeting-6:00pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 9 Open Book- 3:30pm-5:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 13 Town Board Meeting-6:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 23 Board of Review- 3:30pm-5:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 27 Memorial Day Holiday-Town Hall Closed

#### June 2024

- 10 Town Board Meeting-6:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 12 Planning & Zoning Meeting-6:00pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 24 Town Board Meeting-6:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 30 Food Truck Rally- 4:00pm-8:00pm -Location: Quarry Park

#### August 2024

- 13 Partisan Primary Election-7:00am-8:00pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 14 Planning & Zoning Meeting-6:00pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 26 Town Board Meeting-6:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall

#### September 2024

- 2 Labor Day-Town Hall Closed
- 9 Town Board Meeting-6:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- II Planning & Zoning Meeting-6:00pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 23 Town Board Meeting-6:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall

#### July 2024

- 4 4th of July Holiday-Town Hall Closed
- 5 4th of July Holiday-Town Hall Closed
- 8 Town Board Meeting-6:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 10 Planning & Zoning Meeting-6:00pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- II American Red Cross Blood Drive-II:00am-4:00pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 22 Town Board Meeting-6:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- **3I Property Taxes due-2nd Installment**

#### October 2024

- 9 Planning & Zoning Meeting-6:00pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 14 Town Board Meeting-6:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 28 Town Board Meeting-6:30pm -Location: Lawrence Town Hall
- 31 Trick or Treating-4:00pm-7:00pm



More Info (920) 336-9131 www.lawrencewi.gov

# TOWN DIRECTORY

| <u>Town Phone Numbers</u>               |                |
|---|----------------|
| Assessor (Associated Appraisal)         | (920) 749-1995 |
| Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator | (920) 347-3715 |
| Clerk-Treasurer                         | (920) 347-3719 |
| Deputy Clerk                            | (920) 347-3713 |
| Director of Public Works                | (920) 347-3720 |
| Municipal Court                         | (920) 869-3801 |
| Town Administrator                      | (920) 347-3710 |
| Town Hall                               | (920) 336-9131 |
| Water Utility                           | (920) 660-6695 |
|   |                |

#### Town Board

Lanny Tibaldo Town Chairperson LannyT@lawrencewi.gov (920) 619-6257 Bill Bain Town Supervisor BillB@lawrencewi.gov (920) 371-0680

Lori Frigo

Town Supervisor

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#### Town Information



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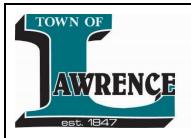
Kari Vannieuwenhoven Town Supervisor KariV@lawrencewi.gov (920) 619-5274





### OTHER IMPORTANT TOWN PHONE NUMBERS

| After-Hours Water & Sewer Utility | (920) 660-6695 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Non-Emergency Police Department   | (920) 391-7450 |
| Non-Emergency Fire Department     | (920) 391-7450 |
| Animal Control                    | (920) 391-7450 |



1st Town in Brown County

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