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BE SMART







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### SUPPORT LOCAL!

Our local businesses are the backbone of our community. Make a conscious choice to always support local businesses first, because they are your friends, neighbors, and care about our community just as much as you do.

Follow them, like them, and share on social media!

# Town Directory

### **Town Board**

#### **Town Chairman**

Dr. Lanny J Tibaldo *LannyT@lawrencewi.gov* (920) 619-6257

#### **Town Supervisors**

Kevin Brienen KevinB@lawrencewi.gov (920) 562-3099

Tom Perock TomP@lawrencewi.gov (920) 362-0102

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

Tonya Wagner
TonyaW@lawrencewi.gov
(920) 241-0009

### **Town Phone Numbers**

EMERGENCY	911
Animal Control	(920) 391-7450
Assessor (Associated Appraisal)	(920) 749-1995
Building Inspection	(920) 347-3715
Fire Non-Emergency	(920) 336-9131
Municipal Court	(920) 869-3801
Police Non- Emergency	(920) 391-7450
Public Works	(920) 660-6695
Town Administrator	(920) 347-3710
Town Clerk/Treasurer	(920) 347-3719
Town Deputy Clerk	(920) 347-3713
Town Hall	(920) 336-9131
Water Utility	(920) 660-6695

### **Town Information**

#### Address

2400 Shady Court De Pere, WI 54115

#### Website

www.lawerencewi.gov

#### **Email**

townlaw@lawrencewi.gov

#### Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/TownofLawrenceWI/



# Town Chairperson's Message

Dean Town Resident,

It has been another great year to live in Lawrence! As we look back on 2022, we continue to make Lawrence a premier place to call home. The Town Staff has been working diligently to maintain our parks and cemeteries, cutting the right-of-ways, maintaining town ponds, assisting our residents with their questions/concerns, as well as numerous other tasks. We have repaired and resurfaced many roads as well. Thank you to everyone for their patience during the resurfacing project.

Recently, the Wisconsin Department of Administration released the latest census data. The Town continues to be one of the fastest growing municipalities in Wisconsin. Our current population is 6,724 residents. This is

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a 56.96% increase from 2010 census. This extraordinary growth allows for great assets in the community which include highly regarded West De Pere and Wrightstown School Districts.

We have been able to secure \$1.2 million in grant funding through WisDOT's Town Road Improvement Program to assist with the reconstruction of Scheuring Road, west of Packerland Drive in the next couple of years. In partnership with Brown County, we've also been able to secure \$1.3 million in federal grant funds to assist in reconstructing the intersection of Grant Street and Mid Valley Drive, as a new roundabout, which will be a much-needed improvement. Construction for this project is slated for 2025.

Looking ahead to 2023, there are several initiatives and goals which will continue our growth in both residential and economical. The Town will be working through a Comprehensive Plan update starting in January. The Wisconsin DOT (Department of Transportation) will be entering into the next phase of the I-41 project. Additional details on the Comprehensive Plan update and the I-41 project are found within this newsletter.

Residents of the Town of Lawrence are a vital part of this community, and I cannot thank you enough for your continued support! During this holiday season, please exercise caution while driving, especially in school zones and during inclement weather.

For any questions not addressed in this newsletter or on our website, call the Town Hall at (920) 336-9131. You can also "like" us and follow us on Facebook.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Dr. Lanny J. Tibaldo Town Chairperson





# Elections

# 2023 Election Dates

February 21, 2023 April 4, 2023

\*\*Visit our website for important election deadlines

# **VOTE HERE!**

2400 Shady Court, De Pere, WI 54115 Polls open at 7:00am on election day

#### Online

www.myvote.wi.gov

3 Easy Ways to Register to Vote



#### Walk-In

- Town of Lawrence Town Hall
- •2400 Shady Court. De Pere, WI 54115
- YOU MUST PROVDE PROOF OF RESIDENCE



#### Mail-In

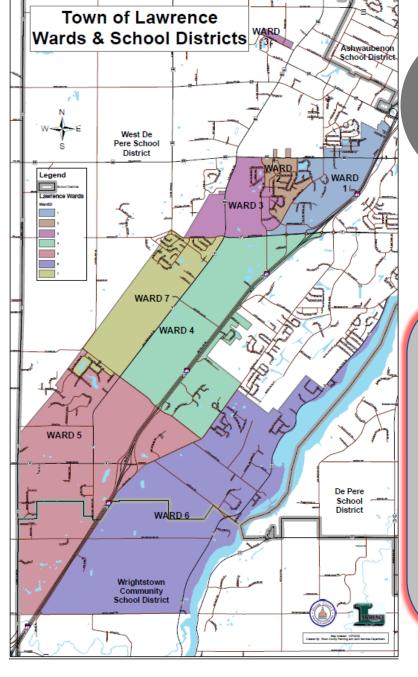
- •Send Voter Registration Application to Town Hall
- •2400 Shady Court, De Pere, WI 54115
- •YOU MUST INCLUDE PROOF OF RESIDENCE

# DO I NEED A PHOTO ID?

All Wisconsin voters must show an acceptable photo ID before voting. This includes voters at polling places and many absentee voters.

#### Acceptable Photo IDs:

- Wisconsin Driver License (even if revoked or suspended)
- Wisconsin Identification Card issued by the
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- U.S. Passport



# Public Works

# Snow Removal Reminders

- Unfortunately, some amount of snow will always end up in your driveway. Most of our trucks have wing plows that don't allow us to angle away from driveways when we are plowing.
- We wish we had enough snowplows and drivers to take care of every street right away, but our resources are limited so we must adhere to a carefully laid out system for clearing the streets. Any deviations in our system would take cleaning our streets much longer.
- Please use caution when approaching Town vehicles working during a clean-up operation. Our trucks may have to back up while working. Give our drivers adequate room to do their jobs so accidents can be avoided.
- Please do not blow or shovel snow from your driveway or sidewalk into the street. The street may provide a convenient location for your snow; however, it requires another trip from the snowplow operation to clear snow from the street. This is also a violation of Town Ordinance, so you may receive a citation.

### Did You Know?

Did you know that as much as 80,000 gallons of water can be wasted each year by an undetected toilet tank leak? It makes both economic and environmental sense to occasionally check the toilets around your home.

To check for flush valve or refill valve leaks, simply drop some food coloring into the toilet tank to color the water. Do this when the tank is fully refilled after a flush. DO NOT flush the tank again until you have inspected the toilet bowl (a few minutes later) for signs of color. If the bowl water has a hue, there's a leak.

### **UTILITY PAYMENTS**

Water/Sewer Utility Service Dates	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Due Date (every</u> <u>year)</u>
January – March	<b>1</b> st	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
April – June	2 <sup>nd</sup>	July 25 <sup>th</sup>
July - September	3 <sup>rd</sup>	October 25 <sup>th</sup>
October - December	4 <sup>th</sup>	January 25 <sup>th</sup>

#### **Payments Options**

- 1. In person or by mail
  - Town Hall, 2400 Shady Court, De Pere, WI 54115
- 2. ACH
- 3. Online via your banking website

### 2023 Recycling Schedule

January 2, 2023	May 8, 2023	September 11, 2023
January 16, 2023	May 22, 2023	September 25, 2023
January 30, 2023	June 5, 2023	October 9, 2023
February 13, 2023	June 19, 2023	October 23, 2023
February 27, 2023	July 3, 2023	November 6, 2023
March 13, 2023	July 17, 2023	November 20, 2023
March 27, 2023	July 31, 2023	December 4, 2023
April 10, 2023	August 14, 2023	December 18, 2023
April 24, 2023	August 28, 2023	

# Fire Department

### Please Shovel Your Fire Hydrants

Winter storms can often hide fire hydrants under snow making them difficult to find in an emergency. In the event of a fire, firefighters must locate and shovel out fire hydrants before hooking up to them. This is precious time lost.

We are asking that you help us by keeping the fire hydrant closest to your residence/business clear of snow. We would need a 3-foot clearance on all sides. Please be aware of vehicle traffic when shoveling snow. Do not stand in the street and be careful not to slip and fall out into the roadway.



# Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless gas, is a byproduct of the combustion of fossil fuels. When appliances such as furnaces, water heaters, dryers, and stoves malfunction or are improperly vented, a buildup of carbon monoxide gas can occur.

As gas builds up in a home, occupants may experience headaches, nausea, dizziness, fatigue, and confusion. At higher levels, carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms include vomiting, loss of consciousness, and even death.

As we approach the winter months, we would like to remind residents that carbon monoxide detectors should be placed on each level of their home. In addition, they should have appliances inspected by a licensed professional.



For more fire news, information, or tips, follow the Town of Lawrence Fire Department on Facebook!



https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceFireDepartment
Share with family and friends!

# Police Department



#### WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

#### November 1 through March 31

All-night parking prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle on any street or road within the Town between 2:00am and 6:00am

Per Ordinance §275-3 Parking Restrictions



# PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK

Do you have unwanted, unused, or expired prescriptions?

The Hobart-Lawrence Police department provides a safe alternative method to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals.

<u>WHERE:</u> Town of Lawrence Town Hall 2400 Shady Court, De Pere <u>WHEN:</u> Town Hall Business Hours

<u>ACCEPTED ITEMS:</u> Prescription and OTC medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, inhalers, creams, vials, and pet medications.

<u>DO NOT BRING:</u> Needles/sharps, illegal drugs, aerosol cans, personal care products, bio-hazard materials, mercury thermometers or household hazardous waste.



920-432-STOP (7867)

www.432stop.com

You can remain anonymous
and may be eligible for a cash reward

Texting Tips: Text "GBTIP" plus your message to 274637 (CRIMES)

# Vacation House Checks

THE HOBART-LAWRENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES A SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY BY CHECKING ON THE HOMES OF RESIDENTS WHO ARE AWAY DUE TO SCHEDULED VACATIONS OR UNEXPECTED TRAVEL.

THE PROGRAM IS FREE AND ONLY REQUIRES THE RESIDENT TO COMPLETE A "HOUSE CHECK FORM".

WHILE AWAY, AN OFFICER WILL CHECK ON YOUR HOME PERIODICALLY. FREQUENCY IS DETERMINED BY THE ACTIVITY IN YOUR AREA AND WORKLOAD OF THE OFFICERS.

THE HOUSE CHECK FORM CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.HOBART-WI.ORG/SERVICE-7. PLEASE ALLOW AT LEAST 5 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE DATE.

# Support the Hobart Lawrence K-9 Program!

The K-9 program is funded solely through donations from the public. All costs of the program are paid for through the generosity of the community.

Donations help pay for Bax's ongoing training, veterinary bills, food, and equipment.

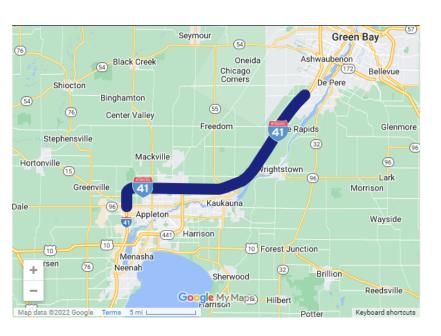


#### How to Donate:

- 1. K-9 apparel and Bax stuffed animals can be purchased at the Town Hall.
- 2. Monetary donations can be made online at <a href="www.hobart-wi.og/k9-unit">www.hobart-wi.og/k9-unit</a> or mailed to K-9 Officer Fund 2990 South Pine Tree Road, Hobart, WI 54155

# Community Development

# **WisDOT Creates Website for I-41 Project**





### www.i41project.wisconsindot.gov

- Timelines
- News/Events
- Public Engagement
   Opportunities
- FAQs
- Sign Up to receive email updates

# Town of Lawrence – 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update

A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE COMMUNITY'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE AND A STRATEGIC MAP TO REACH THAT VISION. COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO GUIDE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND TO ENSURE A SAFE, PLEASANT, AND ECONOMICAL ENVIRONMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND PUBLIC ACTIVITIES. OUR LAST PLAN UPDATE WAS COMPLETED IN 2016. COMMUNITIES ARE REQUIRED TO UPDATE THEIR PLAN EVERY 10 YEARS. WITH THE LATEST COMMUNICATION FROM THE WISDOT AND THE I-41 PROJECT, WE FELT THIS WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNE TIME.

THE TOWN WILL BE EMBARKING ON UPDATING ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN 2023. THIS PROCESS IS ESTIMATED TO TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR AND WILL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN HALL. SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022.



STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION AS WE ANNOUNCE A START DATE AND NEXT STEPS.

# Clerk's Corner

### **DOG LICENSE**

All dogs over five (5) months old are required to be licensed. A total of no more than 2 dogs are allowed per residence.

Licenses can be obtained from the Town Hall at 2400 Shady Court, De Pere, WI

#### License Fees are as follows:

Male or Female: \$10.00 Spayed/Neutered: \$5.00

Late Fee (Effective April 1st): \$5.00
\*\*Cash or check payments ONLY accepted



Dog licenses are valid for a calendar year and expire on December 31st.

### **Lottery Tax Credit**

If you owned your home on January 1, 2022, and use it as your primary residence, you are eligible to receive a lottery and gaming credit. Check your tax bill. If the credit is not on your bill, please visit Brown County website at: www.browncountywi.gov

#### ATTENTION: ORDINANCE UPDATE

On August 15, 2022, the Lawrence Town Board Supervisors amended the Swimming pool ordinance to require a fence around all new in-ground pools. This



amendment eliminated the ability to apply for a fence waiver. *Town Ordinance Section 300-23(f)* 

For more information, please visit the Town's Municipal codes at <a href="https://www.lawrencewi.gov">www.lawrencewi.gov</a>

### **UPCOMING DATES**

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 24th: Town Hall Closed-Thanksgiving
- 25th: Town Hall Closed

#### **DECEMBER**

- 1st: Dog license available for 2023
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Town Hall Closed
- 26<sup>th</sup>: Town Hall Closed

#### **JANUARY**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Town Hall Closed
- 31st: 1st Property Tax Installment Due

#### **FEBRUARY**

• 21<sup>st</sup>: Wisconsin Spring Primary Election

#### MARCH

• 31st: Dog licensing deadline

#### **APRIL**

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Wisconsin Spring Election
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Town of Lawrence Annual Meeting

#### MAY

 29<sup>th</sup>: Town Hall Closed-Memorial Day

Town Hall business hours have been updated:

**Monday – Thursday ~** 7:00am – 4:00pm **Friday** ~ 7:00am – 11:00am

# In"VEST"ing in Pedestrian Safety

THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE AND ROBINSON INC. HAVE PARTNERED TOGETHER TO KEEP YOU SAFE!

FREE HI-VIS VESTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LAWRENCE TOWN HALL

# BE SAFE. BE SMART. BE SEEN

USE THESE VESTS WHILE WALKING, BIKING, RUNNING, OR ANY ACTIVITY TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE VISIBLE.







# WINTER · SAFETY TIPS

- BE VISIBLE.
  - Wear bright or reflective clothing that will catch the light of a car's headlights and make you visible. Carry a lightweight flashlight. Bike riders should make sure front and back bicycle lights are on.
- USE SIDEWALKS WHENEVER POSSIBLE WHILE WALKING/RUNNING
  - o If you need to use the road, travel as close to the road shoulder as possible.
- BE CAREFUL WHEN CROSSING AT INTERSECTIONS.
- STAY ALERT AVOID DISTRACTIONS.
- KEEP CHILDREN SAFE DURING WINTER WEATHER.
  - Never allow children to play outside alone. Advise children to stay away from snowplows and snowblowers. Children should not play in or on snowbanks as they might not be visible for the snowplow driver.
- WEAR APPROPRIATE OUTDOOR CLOTHING
  - Wear layers of loose-fitting, water repellant, warm clothing
  - Choose proper footwear to prevent slips and falls
- WHEN SHOVELING, PUSH THE SNOW VS. LIFTING THE SNOW
  - o Take your time, do not rush
- NEVER STICK YOUR HANDS IN THE SNOW BLOWER
  - Read the instruction manual prior to use







# 2023 Spring Showcase Of Homes

March 4-5, 2023 and March 9-12, 2023
For more information visit: https://bchba.org/consumer-events/

#### TOWN OF LAWRENCE BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

11:00am - 4:00pm

Lawrence Town Hall 2400 Shady Court De Pere, WI 54115



Visit <u>www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive</u> to sign up for an appointment today!

### Planning a meeting, party, family gathering?

THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE IS PLEASED TO OFFER RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES AT THE TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM AND QUARRY PARK!

#### TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM

- YEAR-ROUND RENTAL
- WARMING KITCHEN

#### **QUARRY PARK SHELTER**

RENTAL AVAILABLE
 MAY 1 – NOVEMBER 1

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.LAWRENCEWI.GOV

### Can you solve these riddles?

- 1. What's it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?
- 2. What do you call young dogs who play in the snow?
- 3. What do you call a snowman party?

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### **TOWN MEETINGS**

### **Town Board Meetings**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month
- ♦ 6:30pm
- Located at the Lawrence Town Hall

# Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- ❖ 6:00pm
- Located at the Lawrence Town Hall

**PUBLIC IS WELCOME!** 

### TOWN OF LAWRENCE FOOD TRUCK RALLY



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

**MORE DETAILS TO COME!** 

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
THE LAWRENCE FIRE
DEPARTMENT



