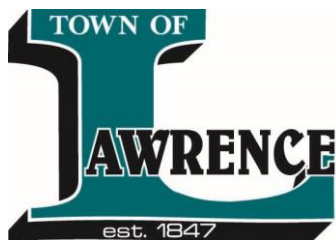


THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE

2024 FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER



“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

Coretta Scott Kind

Winter Parking Regulations

November 1 through March 31

All-night parking is 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



2400 Shady Court
De Pere, WI 54115



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

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CHAIRPERSON MESSAGE



Lawrence Residents,

We take great pride in the Town of Lawrence as a dynamic, quality community in Northeast Wisconsin! Our community has an abundance of assets and is situated in a strategic location that encourages families and businesses to call Lawrence home. We have outstanding educational organizations and opportunities to learn and develop skills. Residential and business growth in Lawrence makes it one of the fastest-growing communities in Wisconsin. From a national perspective, we will be part of the NFL Draft in April 2025. This is an exciting and financially profitable event. The Wisconsin Department of Administration census figures for January 1, 2024, sites Lawrence at a population of 6,834 residents, or an 8.37% increase from the 2020 census. Wisconsin is estimated at 5,989,250. This represents a change of 95,532 people, a 1.62% increase.

Recently, the Town Board adopted our Comprehensive Plan, which includes a Park & Outdoors Recreation Plan. We salute our residents, staff, and the Brown County staff for engaging in this document which will provide direction for our future growth. An example of growth includes 34 new home permits as of September 1, which have an average home value of \$462,684. Several businesses are currently under construction in the Town as well. We are looking forward to the new manufacturing, recreation fields, corporate offices, and storage facility site review plans that were recently approved by the Town Board.

Transportation infrastructure has also been improved and future improvements are planned. The Town has resurfaced many roads in the Bain Brook subdivision. Plans are also in place to develop new roundabouts at the Mid Valley Drive/Grant Street intersection and the Packerland Drive/Williams Grant Drive intersection in 2025. Scheuring Road will be upgraded with curb and gutter from west of Packerland Drive to the Hobart border. Utilities for sewer, water, and fiber optics have been installed along Mid Valley Drive to Highway S. We appreciate the patience, support, and cooperation while these projects were under construction.

A key infrastructure development is the I-41 project to expand it from four (4) to six (6) lanes and reconstruct several interchanges. The Southbridge Connector project is currently underway and will continue through 2025. During this time, crews will relocate utilities, realign the roadway, and embankment placement. This interchange will improve the access west of I-41 to Packerland and east toward De Pere. During this time, road closures will take place. Scan the QR code on Page 10 to find out road closure schedules as well as all the latest updates from WisDOT.



A special “thank you” to our staff for their maintenance and project work in our parks, recreation fields, and cemeteries. Several trees in our cemeteries and parks have been trimmed and removed. The pickleball courts and basketball court are getting the final touches and will be ready to use by October 1.

Please drive carefully around school zones, bus loading and unloading, parks, and where pedestrians and bicyclists are present!

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).

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes!

Dr. Lanny J Tibaldo, Town Chairperson



Food Truck Rally

Thank you to our community for your continued support!





ELECTIONS & VOTING

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

Election Day Parking

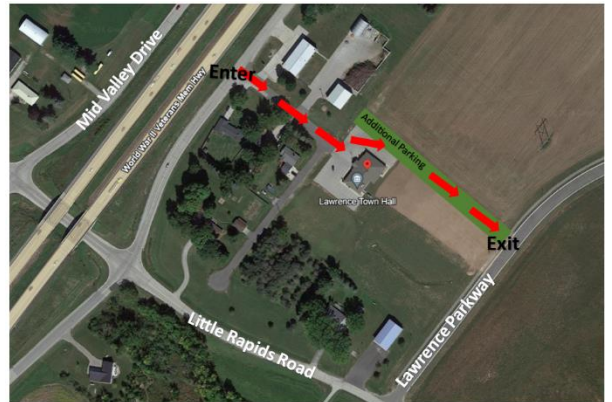
On Election Day, we asked that residents use French Road (by the Fire Department) to access the Town Hall. Additional parking was added to the North of the building to accommodate the additional traffic. Upon leaving, we ask that you exit using the additional driveway towards Lawrence Parkway.

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

MYVOTE.WI.GOV



- Register to vote
- Update your name and address
- Request an absentee ballot
- Find your polling location
- What's on my ballot?



IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING SCHEDULE

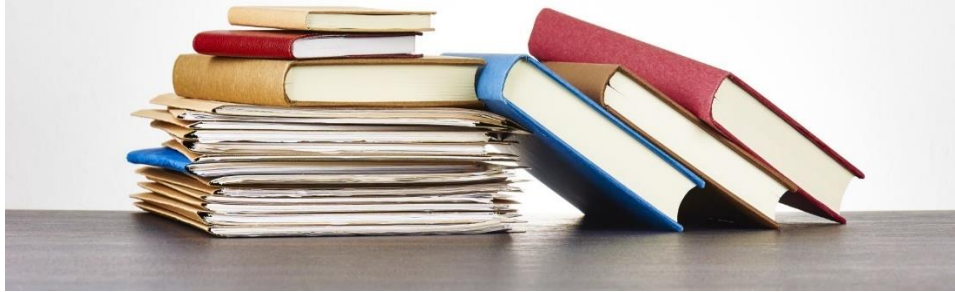
- Voters can request, receive, mark, and cast their ballot all in 1 visit
- Absentee voting begins the 2nd Tuesday before an election at Lawrence Town Hall

- Tuesday, October 22
 - 7:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, October 23
 - 7:00am-4:00pm
- Thursday, October 24
 - 7:00am-4:00pm
- Friday, October 25
 - 7:00am-11:00am

- Monday, October 28
 - 7:00am-4:00pm
- Tuesday, October 29
 - 7:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, October 30
 - 7:00am-4:00pm
- Thursday, October 31
 - 7:00am-4:00pm
- Friday, November 1
 - 7:00am-5:00pm



CLERK'S CORNER



Property Taxes

Property tax bills from will be mailed in December. The Town of Lawrence does not collect Real Estate tax payments. Payments can be made to Brown County via mail, online or in person.

DOG LICENSE...IT'S THE LAW!

All dogs over five (5) months old are required to be licensed. A total of no more than 2 dogs are allowed on property zoned residential.

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

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



Town Meetings

Town Board Meeting

- 2nd & 4th Monday of each month

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

- 2nd Wednesday of each month

Meetings start promptly at 6:00pm

Location: Lawrence Town Hall

PUBLIC IS WELCOME!



Daylight Savings Fall Back November 3, 2024



PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

Do you have unwanted, unused, or expired prescriptions?

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

WHERE: Lawrence Town Hall
2400 Shady Court, De Pere

WHEN: Town Hall Business Hours

Visit our website for additional information.

Special Events Permit

The Town of Lawrence Town Board is considering the ability to permit special events occurring in the Town. This permit would allow Town staff to review events and prepare effectively in advance. Special permits would include, but not limited, to any public event, athletic event, race, or other similar display that interferes with the usual flow or regulation of traffic streets, sidewalks, parks or other public grounds.

If approved, this will go into effect in 2025

\$\$\$ Lottery Tax Credit \$\$\$

- ❖ If you owned your home on January 1, 2024, 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's website at:

www.browncountywi.gov

or scan the QR code.



SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE



Renting a room or your house for a weekend, a Packer game, or the 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). Failure to obtain an STRP may result in citations and penalties. Approval of a 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: www.lawrencewi.gov





FIRE DEPARTMENT

Service Anniversaries



Steven Haas
1 year



Bill Tews
1 year



Cody Penterman
1 year

Thank you for your continued service to our community!

National Fire Prevention Week

October 6-12, 2024



Be fire smart with electricity in your home.

45, There are approximately 45,000 home electrical fires each year.



Half of all home electrical fires involve lighting equipment or home electrical wiring.



Home electrical fire deaths peak between midnight and 8 a.m.



Peak months for electrical fire deaths are November through March.

Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a coffee maker, space heater or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time.



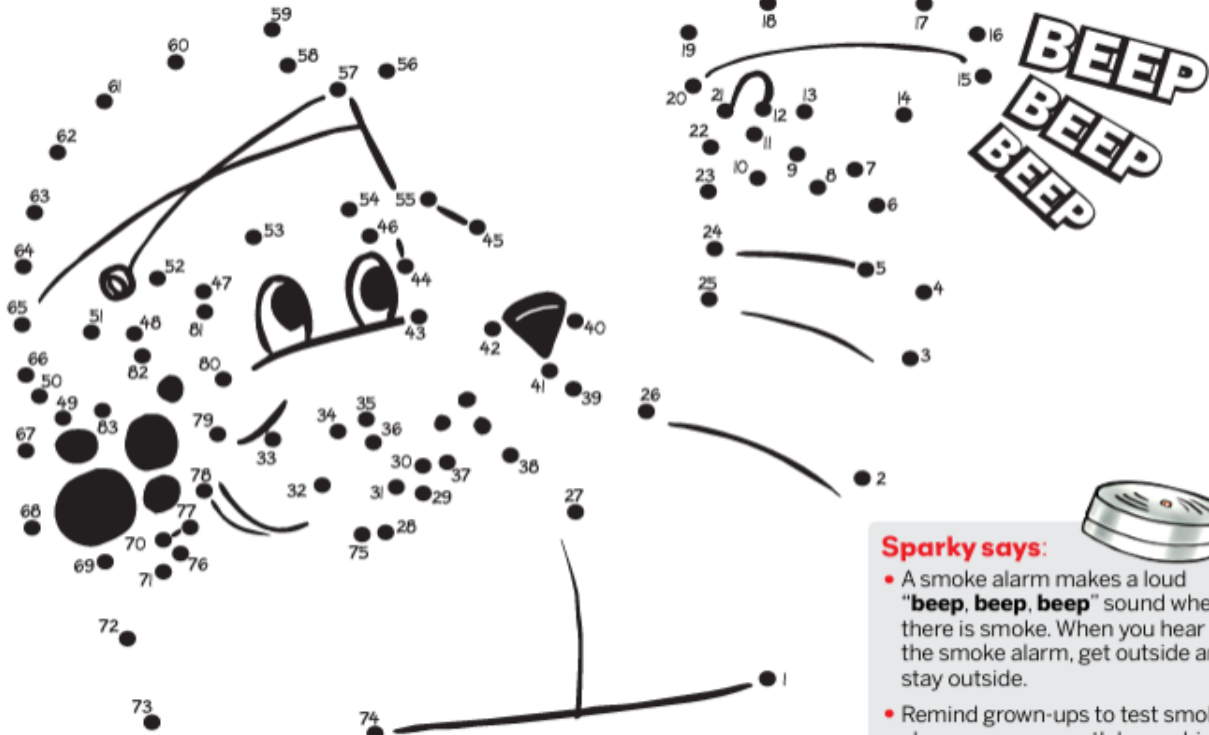
Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.



Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install additional wall outlets where you need them.

SPARKY'S CONNECT THE DOTS

Connect the dots to make a fire-safety picture.



Sparky says:



- A smoke alarm makes a loud "beep, beep, beep" sound when there is smoke. When you hear the smoke alarm, get outside and stay outside.
- Remind grown-ups to test smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button.



Visit Sparky.org • SparkySchoolHouse.org
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What is a Site Plan?

A site plan shows the relationship of the proposed structure to the property and its specific features. A site plan should also include distance from property lines.

This is required with permit applications.



BUILDING INSPECTION

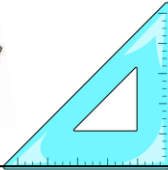
Building Permit Applications



Visit: www.lawrencewi.gov

Email: permit@lawrencewi.gov

Scan:



Natural Gas
1-800-450-7280



Wisconsin Public Service

Electricity

1-800-450-7240



If you have questions about your project or permits, call (920) 336-9131

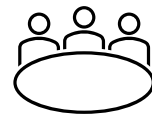
Why is it important to get a permit?

1. Town Ordinance requires permits for projects. Penalties or citations could apply.
2. You might have to do the work again to bring your project up to code or comply with Town Ordinances.
3. A home appraiser might not include the unpermitted work in a future appraisal, lowering your home's value.
4. A lender could refuse to grant a mortgage if there is unpermitted work.
5. Selling your house could be difficult if you can't show a permit for work completed on your home.

Get Involved

The Town of Lawrence has many opportunities for residents to get involved in the community through several Boards and Committees.

All Boards and Committees hold meetings that are open to the public.



Board of Appeals	Planning & Zoning Board	Park Committee
The Board hears and acts on appeals for variances to the Town of Lawrence Municipal Code.	Recommending Board on various zoning districts, development, and municipal code to the Town Board.	COMING SOON! Citizen body providing recommendations to Town Board pertaining to the development of public parks, trails, and open spaces.

For more information or if you are interested in joining a board or committee, please call the Town Hall at (920) 336-9131



PUBLIC WORKS

Draining your Pool?

Please take time to follow the proper procedures when draining your pool or spa to keep our local waters healthy for fish and other aquatic life.

- Dechlorinate the water – let the water sit for at least one (1) week to reduce the chlorine or bromine level
- Discharge water to the grass or landscaping – this will allow the water to soak into the earth and will naturally cleanse prior to entering the waterway
- Monitor discharge – ensure it does not cause erosion or flooding
- Protect local waterways – if a pool or spa has been acid washed, the water cannot be discharged off the owner’s property.

*****It is illegal to discharge pollutants, including chlorinated pool water, into storm drains.***

Utility Tax Roll Charges

All unpaid water and sewer charges (for services provided prior to October 1) will be subject to a 10% penalty if payment is not in our office on or before November 1.

All delinquent payments must be made in our office on or before November 15 to avoid tax roll placement. Payments made after November 15 will be applied to future utility charges.

Notices to landlords/owners and tenants will be mailed by October 15th.



The Town requested proposals from interested contractors to continue providing Lawrence residents with trash and recycling collection services. With our significant growth, the Town is anticipating some changes to the program in 2025 including splitting the Town into 2 collection days. More information will be available to Town residents in the upcoming months.



SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS



We would like to remind our residents of snow removal procedures to keep you and our public works employees safe during this winter season!

- Depositing Snow in rights-of-way
 - This slows down plowing operations and creates dangerous conditions for vehicles and pedestrians
 - Violation of Town Ordinance and §346.94
 - Citations may be issued
- Cul-de-Sacs
 - Public Works’ goal in clearing cul-de-sac is to maintain as much of the normal pavement width as possible to allow acceptable access to mailboxes for postal carriers
- Fire Hydrants
 - Please take time to clear snow around fire hydrants (3 ft radius).
 - During a fire, every second counts!
- Overnight Parking
 - No parking on any Town street or road between 2:00am-6:00am from November 1-March 31

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as crews work to clear the snow safely and effectively from our Town streets. Depending on the timing and severity of snow events, it may take hours to clear all the snow.

Calendar of Events

October

- 22 In-Person Voting Begins (see page 4 for details)
- 31 Trick or Treating (4:00pm-7:00pm)

November

- 1 In-Person Voting Ends today (see page 4 for details)
- 5 Election Day (see page 4 for details)
- 28 Town Hall Closed
- 29 Town Hall Closed

December

- 1 Dog Licenses available for 2025 calendar year
- 24 Town Hall Closed
- 25 Town Hall Closed

January

- 1 Town Hall Closed
- 31 1st Installment of Property Taxes due

February

- 4 In-Person Voting Begins (see page 4 for details)
- 18 Spring Primary Election (see page 4 for details)

March

- 31 Dog License Late Fee Deadline

Caramelized Onion Dip

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 4 sweet onions, chopped
 - kosher salt & pepper
- 1 cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt
 - ½ cup mayonnaise
 - ½ tsp. garlic powder
 - Fresh herbs, for topping

Heat butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Once melted, stir in onions with a big pinch of salt and pepper. Cook for 5 minutes, just until the onions begin to soften. Turn the heat down to low, and cook, stirring often until the onions are dark brown and caramelized (30-60 minutes). Add a splash of water to the pan if it gets dry at any time. Let the onions cool.

Whisk together sour cream, mayo, garlic powder, and a pinch of salt and pepper. Add the cooled onions.

Serve with chips, crackers, pretzels, or veggies.

This can be made ahead of time. Store leftovers in the fridge.

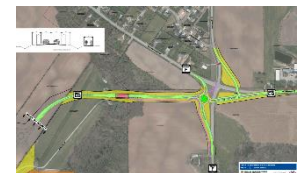


Road Construction Updates

Maps Traffic Schedule Impacts

Scan the QR codes below to stay current on the I-41 and South Bridge Connector projects.

South Bridge Connector



I-41 Project



TOWN DIRECTORY

Town Phone Numbers

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

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 (920) 619-6257

Bill Bain
 Town Supervisor
BillB@lawrencewi.gov
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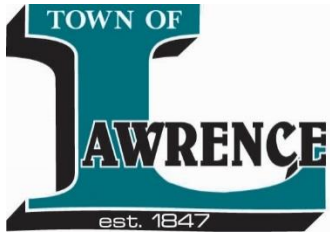
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OTHER IMPORTANT TOWN PHONE NUMBERS

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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