

Your Town

Fall 2021

City of Lathrup Village

CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE

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CITY COUNCIL



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Council Member

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Council Member

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CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Council Meetings

Study Sessions

6:00 pm

1st and 3rd

Mondays of the Month

Regular Meeting

7:00 pm

3rd Monday of the Month

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MAYOR'S MEMO

Greetings Lathrup Village Residents,



I hope everyone has had a peaceful and enjoyable summer despite the horrific storms we experienced and the resulting outages. As a reminder, if you have downed tree limbs from storms please place them with the end of the branch facing the street for chipping. I know that we had a delay with the chipper but please know that Tringali is working very hard to make sure that all tree limbs that are laid out correctly are picked up.

Regarding trees, we have heard you loud and clear - we need to do better at maintaining city trees. I am very happy to say that we have started the tree program back again. Rami Sweidan (Code Enforcement Officer) has created a great proposal as to how the tree program will operate. Here are the highlights of the tree program:

- Tree trimming will happen every Thursday
- DPS will maintain all trees on city property
- Any trees that are higher than 12 ft and have a trunk more than 8 inches in diameter will be referred to a tree service company. DPS does not have the capability or the equipment

The goal of the tree program is to make sure that the City of Lathrup Village is managing the health of the trees, keeping residents safe from falling branches, and minimize the need to call into City Hall or update SeeClickFix. To quote Dr. Suess, "unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." So thank you for all the calls of concerns regarding the maintenance of the trees.

As we said goodbye to summer, we also had to say goodbye to some city employees. Chris Clough - Parks & Recreation Director has decided to pursue finishing his master's degree and gain experience working in the field of history. His last day was August 30th. We wish Chris nothing but great success in his future endeavors.

We also had to say "until we meet again" to our beloved Officer Rock Upshaw. After 23 years of service with the Lathrup Village Police department, he decided to retire. I was saddened to hear of his retirement but the one thing I know about Officer Upshaw is we will still see him around the city! We thank Rock for the outstanding work he did in and around Lathrup Village. Congratulations on this retirement!

As a reminder, City Council meets every 1st Monday and 3rd Monday of every month. We are conducting the meetings via Zoom in addition to offering a hybrid solution where some of the council members are in person. We are continuing the use of the virtual meeting due to the increase in COVID-19 cases and of course we want to keep everyone safe.

I am very humbled and grateful to be the Mayor of Lathrup Village. If there is ever a time you want to talk to me please, do not hesitate to reach out to me at kgarrett@lathrupvillage.org and we can also meet at City Hall or Panera to chat over coffee on me!

Have a Wonderful Fall Season!

Kelly

Mykale (Kelly) Garrett

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Get the latest Lathrup Village news at our website:

www.lathrupvillage.org

Follow us on Facebook: @LathrupVillage

FROM YOUR TREASURER

Taxes

Summer tax bills were due August 31. If you did not pay your summer taxes by August 31, call the Treasurer for the current amount owed. Winter tax bills will be mailed around December 1. If you have paid off your home or made changes to your escrow company, please notify us by November 1 to make sure your tax bill is mailed to the correct address. (248) 557-2600 ext 227

How to Pay Your Taxes

- Online - <https://bsaonline.com/?uid=1649>
- 24 hour Drop Box - north side of Municipal Building
- Mail or In-Person - 27400 Southfield Rd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076

NSF Fee: If your check is returned to the City from your banking institution for non-sufficient funds, a closed account, etc. you will be charged a \$50.00 processing fee.

Selling Your Home?

Request a final water bill, turn in transfer affidavits, and rescind homestead paperwork.

NEWS & REMINDERS

Easy 24-Hour Access to Info!

Much of the information frequently requested by residents is available on BSA Online.

Visit <https://bsaonline.com/?uid=1649>

- Water bill payment and history
- Apply & pay for building permits
- Schedule inspections
- Get status of building permits/inspections
- View & pay code enforcement tickets

City website gets a new look

There will be an unveiling of the refreshed platform for the website with an estimated launch in September. Staff has been working fresh and make the website more user-friendly.



CITY HALL CLOSED

Labor Day	September 6, 2021
Veterans Day	November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving	November 25-26, 2021
Christmas	December 23-24, 2021
News Years	December 30-31, 2021

TRASH COLLECTION CHANGES

- Collection delayed until Tuesday (9/27/21)
- Collection on schedule for the week.

*Monday, December 13th, 2021-Last day for yard waste collection



WATER BONDS

Water Supply System Improvements

What is the \$10.70 charge on my water bill?



Lead & Copper

State of Michigan requires testing of water service lines. This includes digging and replacement of the stop box.

\$1.2 million

Replace Lead Lines

Water Service Lines found to contain lead or galvanize steel are required to be replaced from the meter to the stop box.

\$500,000



Fire Hydrants

Most of the 243 fire hydrants were installed prior to 1930. 40 hydrants a year for the next 3 years will be replaced or refurbished.

\$544,800

Water Main Projects

Wiltshire & San Rosa
Goldengate
Bloomfield & Glenwood

\$1.3 million

Water Meters

Most water meters have outlived their expected life. New water meters will provide real-time reporting.

\$860,000

\$5.38 Million
WATER CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT BONDS

\$10.70
Monthly Charge*

Sanitary Sewers

Inspections, repairs, replacement or lining of sanitary sewer pipes

\$480,000

Gate Valves

Are used to isolate water main sections for repair. Most were installed in the 1920s. Provide for new and refurbished gate valves.

\$972,000

Culvert Cleaning, Ditches, Bond Financing, Legal Fees, Misc.

\$500,000

Wet Weather Additional Capacity Projects

As part of the Evergreen Farmington Drainage District, bonded projects include: additional outlet capacity purchased from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and the construction of projects along 8 Mile and Evergreen Roads. This allows peak wet weather reduction of sanitary overflows.

\$2.2 million

The "Tank"

Upgrades and repairs to the Sanitary Retention Tank will increase sewer capacity and help to prevent sewer overflows and basement backups.

\$550,000

*The est. 20 year \$10.70 Monthly Water Bill Surcharge and Rates pay for the Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Bonds and Projects

LATHRUP VILLAGE TELEVISION

lvtv@lathrupvillage.org | 248.557.2600 x234

LTV is a local 24-hour community channel for events, concerts, and arts programming. Meetings for City Council, Planning Commission, DDA, and PSAs are also broadcasted.

WOW! | CHANNEL 10
COMCAST | CHANNEL 17
AT&T | CHANNEL 99

SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upcoming and past City Council meeting agendas, packets, and minutes can be found online on the City's Municode Meetings Portal, lathrup-mi.municodemeetings.com. Below are recent action items.

MAY 2021

- Adopted Capital Improvement Plan 2021-2026
- Adopted Downtown Development Authority–FY 2021-22 Budget
- FY 2021-22 – Rate and Fee Schedule
- Annual Fiscal Resolutions – FY 2021-22
- 2022 Road Projects
- Released Comprehensive Plan for 63-day Review Period
- Encroachment License Application–27680 Lathrup Blvd.
- Fire Protection Services Contract
- Agreement for Police and Fire Dispatch Services
- MDOT Transportation Economic Development Fund – Category B Grant Application for FY 2022
- Planning Commission Appointment
- Appointed Representative & Alternate to SOCRRA
- Appointed Representative & Alternate to SOCWA
- Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget

JUNE 2021

- Letter of resignation from Councilmember Donna Stallings effective May 31, 2021
- Ordinance to Amend Article 2 – Sign Ordinance
- Zoning Text Amendments – Chapter 5: Site Standards and Chapter 6: Development Review

JUNE 2021 CONT.

- Special Land Use – 27000 Southfield Rd.- Discount Tire
- City Administrator Evaluation and Contract
- 2021-2025 Professional Auditing Services Contract
- Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2021/22
- Sidewalk Repair Program – Bid Award of Contract
- MDOT Performance Resolution for Municipalities
- Charter Amendment Ballot Proposal Language
- Meetings will be held virtually until September 2021

JULY 2021

- Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain Drainage District – Chapter 20 Section 471 Agreement
- Adopted the Marijuana/Cannabis Zoning Ordinance
- Adopted the Comprehensive Plan
- Plan and Estimate of the Ditch Repair for Cambridge Blvd.; direct Treasurer to make a Special Assessment Roll
- Amend the City of Lathrup Village Code of Ordinances by Adding Chapter 18, Article VI – Cannabis Businesses
- Vacation of the alley west of Southfield Road Between W. 11 Mile Road and Sunnybrook Avenue

ELECTION UPDATES

November 2, 2021 - Election Day

New Rights for Michigan Voters -
Register to vote through Election Day
Register to vote in any manner other than in-person through October 18, 2021

Register in-person with your Clerk from October 19, 2021 through 8:00 pm November 2, 2021 with proof of residency. Office hours M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm.

Last Day Absentee ballots will be mailed: Friday, October 29, 2021

Voters may submit written request to spoil their absentee ballot and receive a new ballot by mail by Friday, October 29 at 5:00 pm

Clerk's office will be open Saturday, October 30, 2021 7:00am-3:00pm for absentee voting

By November 1, 10:00 am- Voters who have returned their absentee ballot may submit written request in person to spoil their absentee ballot and receive a new ballot in the Clerk's office

By November 1, 4:00 pm Voters may receive an absentee ballot in the Clerk's office and must vote their ballot in the Clerk's office.

Voters who have lost their absentee ballot or have yet received their ballot in the mail may submit a written request in person to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive a new ballot in the Clerk's office.

Election Day Registration: In-person at your clerk's office, not at a precinct. Voters who register on Election Day may obtain and vote an absent voter ballot in person in the Clerk's office or vote in person in the proper precinct.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

The City's Fiscal Year runs from July to June of the following year. It was suggested that the budget deadline move from the month of May to the month of June so that the budget adopted by City Council contains the most current financial information. The state has approved the following language will appear on the November 2021 General Election Ballot in the City of Lathrup Village:

BUDGET DEADLINE DATES CHARTER AMENDMENT – PROPOSAL 1

Shall the City of Lathrup Village Charter be amended to extend the budget presentation and adoption deadlines by one month, the new dates being the third Monday of May and the third Monday of June respectively?



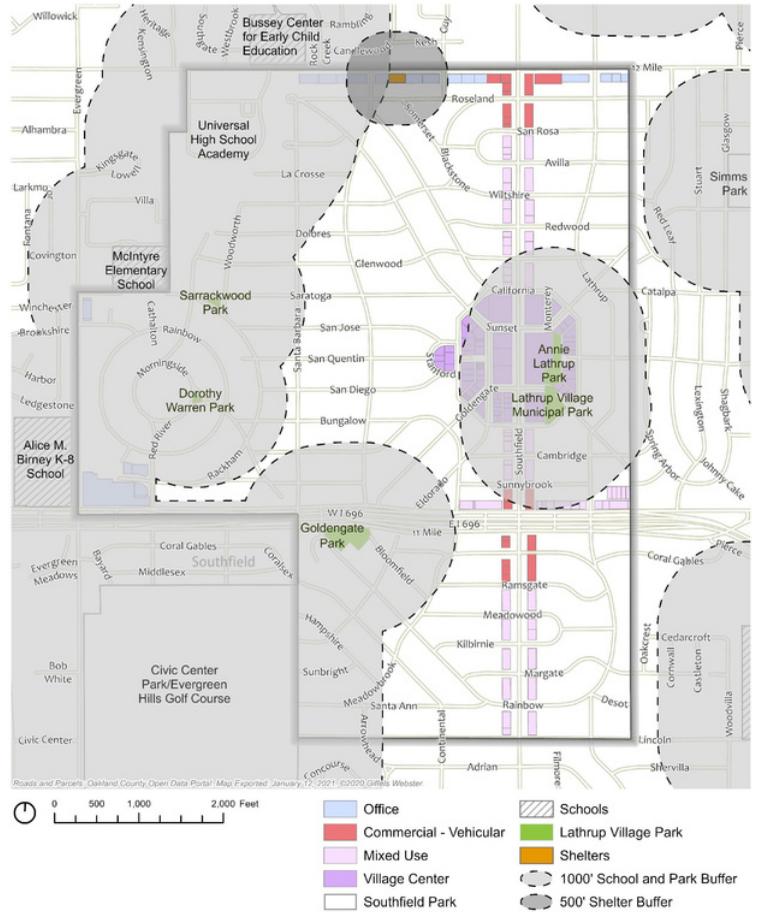
*Lathrup Village Secure Ballot Box
Located at the south City Hall entrance.*

CATCHING UP ON CANNABIS

On July 26th, City Council voted to adopt the cannabis ordinances (general code and zoning), both of which went into effect on August 9. The city administration is working to finalize the cannabis application and evaluation criteria. It is anticipated that a 30-day application period may be initiated in the fall. The flow chart below outlines the application process.

All information related to cannabis is available on the city’s website: <http://www.lathrupvillage.org/departments/cannabis/cannabis.php>

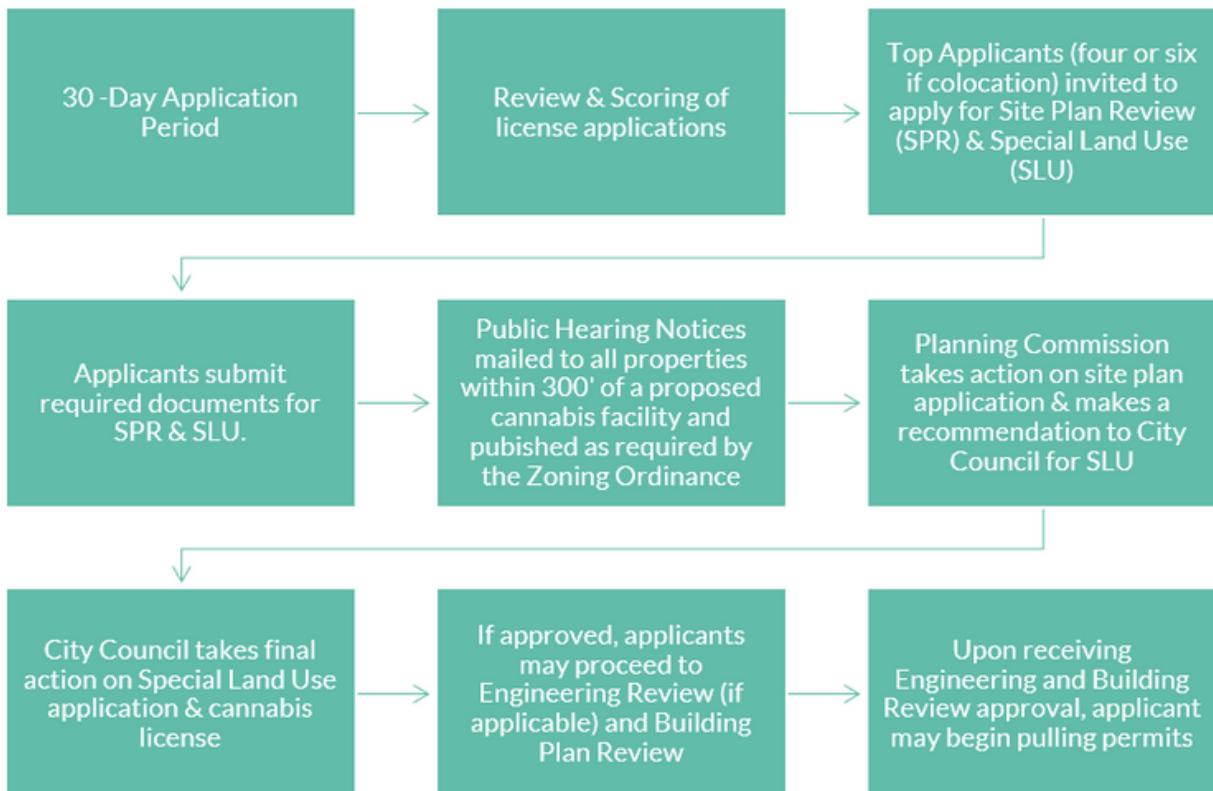
Cannabis Facts	
Maximum Number of Bricks & Mortar Locations	4
Facility Types	Dispensary/Provisioning (Store) Testing (Lab)
Number of Licenses	4 *6 if recreational & medical co-locate
Eligible Properties & Zoning Districts	Commercial Vehicular (CV -red on map) Mixed-Use (MX - light pink on map) Properties that meet the distance buffer as required in the ordinance.



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Marihuana Ordinance Buffer
CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE

APPLICATION PROCESS



WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON OUT THERE?

It's been a VERY BUSY construction season in the city! In May the city began its 3-year Capital Improvement Projects which include repaving/reconstruction of approximately 2 miles of local roads, replacement/refurbishment of fire hydrants and gate valves, water service line verifications, replacement of known lead water service lines, initiation of the Sidewalk Replacement Program, water main replacements, and completing necessary upgrades to the city's sanitation tank. Information on all of the projects (current and future), as well as an interactive GIS map, is available on the city's website: <http://www.lathrupvillage.org/businesses/infrastructure.php>



PARKING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW)

Many homes have extra parking pads or circular drives in the public right-of-way, most of which have been there for quite some time. Residents who have these auxiliary parking areas are reminded that it is their responsibility to maintain these areas in good condition. **Additionally, ALL driveway approaches, pads, and circular drives are required to obtain the appropriate permits prior to construction.**



SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE ARE SIGNS!

In June, City Council made updates to the city's Sign Ordinance. Among the updates was clarification regarding temporary signs in the residential district. Residents are permitted to have the following:



52-25 F. Maximum Area per Sign Face, Maximum Height, and Allowed Type of Temporary Signs				
District	Permitted Types	Maximum Area of All Temporary Signs by Type	Maximum Area of Any Individual Sign	Maximum Height (Freestanding)
(1) Residential (no permits required)	Freestanding	24 square feet, except that an additional 6 square feet of signage is permitted when a property is available for sale or lease.	6 square feet	5 feet
	Wall ¹	3 square feet per building in single family residential districts; 12 square feet per building in multiple family residential districts.	3 square feet in single family districts; 12 square feet per building in multiple family residential districts	

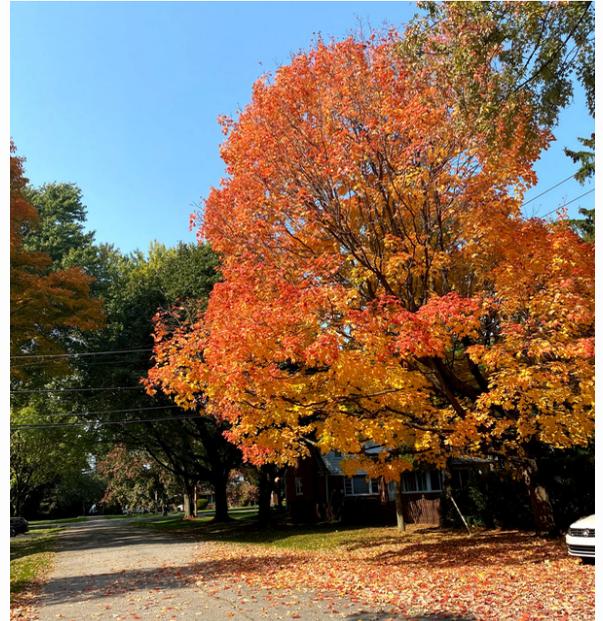
¹The display period for temporary wall signs shall be limited to a total of twenty-eight (28) days per calendar year. Such signs shall not be displayed for any continuous period greater than fourteen (14) days. After this time expires, the sign shall be removed. See Section 52-27 for permit requirements.

2021 COMPREHENSIVE MASTERPLAN

The city's long-awaited Comprehensive Plan has finally been adopted! By state law, communities are required to review and update if necessary, their Master Plan every 5 years. Lathrup Village initiated an update in August 2019 to consolidate the city's Master Plan, Downtown Plan, and Parks & Recreation Plan into a single document – the Comprehensive Master Plan. While the pandemic slowed the process down, it did allow us to creatively obtain public feedback through a “virtual open house” and be very thoughtful in the elements we chose to focus on, such as Neighborhoods, Sustainability, Transportation, etc.

The Community & Economic Development Department (CEDD) will begin implementing many of the recommendations found in the plan as soon as possible. One initiative that we intend to work on immediately is the formation of neighborhood associations. Very simply, this is a way to improve communication and to encourage engagement between neighbors and the city. To accomplish this, the CEDD is looking for residents to serve as **Neighborhood Captains**.

For more information please contact CEDD Director Susie Stec at sstec@lathrupvillage.org or at (248) 557-2600 ext 223.



**HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD/
SHRED WASTE
SEPTEMBER 25TH
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
27400 SOUTHFIELD RD.**



NO WASTE GENERATED BY A BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

1-Grass

Grass must be mowed and no higher than 7 inches tall.

2-Clean Yard

Yards will be well-kept, clean, and free of loose trash and debris.

3-Trimmed Trees

Trees and vegetation will be well-maintained. Must trim all trees at least 8 feet above the sidewalk, and 8 feet above the street and alley.

4-Sidewalks

Sidewalks must be free of trip hazards. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the sidewalk in front of their property; this includes snow removal in the winter.

5-Vehicles

Junk and inoperable vehicles are not permitted. Vehicles must be in working condition, fully assembled, and have current license and registration information.

6-Parking

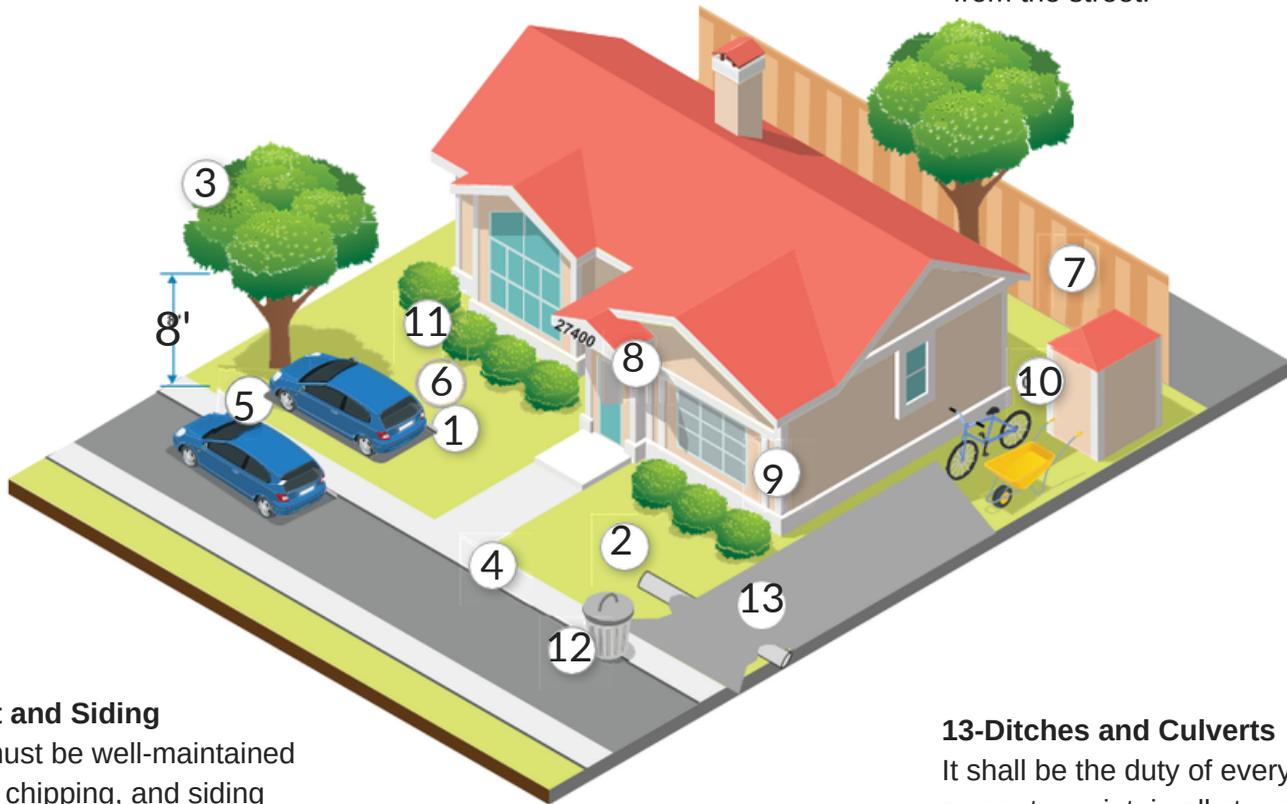
All vehicles must be parked on an improved surface. No vehicles are allowed to be parked on the grass or side yard.

7-Fences

All fences must be well-maintained and comply with the fence ordinance. Incomplete fencing is not permitted.

8-Address Numbers

All homes must have address numbers posted at the front of the property. Numbers must be visible from the street.



9-Paint and Siding

Paint must be well-maintained without chipping, and siding must be intact. Vacant housing must be secured and maintained according to the standards within the Blighted

10-Outdoor Storage

Must store outdoor items in a neat and orderly fashion. May not store indoor furniture, appliances, equipment, and trash outside.

11-Landscaping

Landscaping must be well-maintained and may not be overgrown or disrupting the orderly development of fences and buildings.

12-Trash

Must place trash in receptacles within the owner/tenant's property boundaries. Garbage may not be set for pick-up on a neighbor's property or elsewhere in the Village.

13-Ditches and Culverts

It shall be the duty of every property owner to maintain all storm water ditches and culverts constructed or installed in the area between his property line and the centerline of any street or alley abutting upon his property in a condition free of waste, dirt, plant growth, and other obstructions which block or obstruct the designed flow of storm water in the ditch or culvert.

SOCIAL DISTANCING COMMUNITY PICNIC

Saturday, September 18

Municipal Park

12:00-3:00 PM

LVPD, partnering with LVDDA, invites you to a family picnic with hot dogs and refreshments! Get to know your LVPD and fellow neighbors. There will be a brief community forum during the event.

Spots are limited, reserve your spot by emailing Ofc. Carmack at carmack@lathrupvillage.org by September 3, 2021. Lawn chairs and picnic blankets are encouraged.



Find the Police Department on Facebook:

@LathrupVillagePoliceDepartment



WINTER HAT & GLOVE DRIVE

In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Lathrup Village Community Foundation and the Police Department have partnered to sponsor a winter hat and glove drive.

New items may be dropped off at City Hall from December 1 – December 31. Please help us bring warmth to someone in need during the upcoming winter season.

REMINDER: All alarms *must* be registered. Visit the Police Department Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm to register your alarm.

2ND ANNUAL LVPD THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 19, 2021 / 6-8 PM

CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM

Please join us for our second annual Thanksgiving Dinner!

Sign up to RSVP contact Police Clerk Theresa Knoll at policeclerk@lathrupvillage.org or (248) 557-3600 ext 229.

Bringing a dish to pass – receive your ticket for dinner. Unable to bring a dish to pass? Tickets are available for \$10 at the Police Department Monday-Friday 8:00 am– 4:00 pm.

Tickets are limited. Must RSVP by Monday, November 15, 2021



(248) 354-1010

**24/7 NONEMERGENCY
NUMBER**

**27400 SOUTHFIELD RD.
LATHRUP VILLAGE, MI
48076**

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

The Parks & Recreation department is in transition and will offer limited options until the Spring 2022. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

THE MONEY PIT

The Lathrup Village Historical Society presents "The Money Pit: Avoiding the Pitfalls of Maintaining and Repairing Your Historic Home." Suggested donation is \$5 cash at the door, benefitting LVHS. Speakers will be preservation architect Ron Campbell, principal planner with Oakland County Economic Development, and John Bry, principal planner and head of local business development for the County.

Instructor: LVHS Speakers

Date: Wed, Sept. 15

Time: 7 PM

Space: Meeting Place, 2nd Floor

Cost: suggested donation \$5

HERBAL WALK & TALK, CHAT & CHEW

Join Herbal Healing Hut for a five week healing experience with pure herb and whole foods. The group will alternate between "walk and talks" and cooking classes every other week. During the walks, you will learn to identify edible medicinal plants and discover their uses. In the live demonstration cooking classes, the group will try dandelion collards and black eyed peas in their famous vegan Veggisauce, sweet potato pie, cornbread and a hibiscus banana treat.

Instructor: Regina Lawson

Date: Wednesdays, September 15- October 13

Time: 5-7 PM

Space: Walks meet at the Pavilion, cooking class meets in the Community Room

Cost: \$40 for the series



Register for any program at City Hall, at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or via LV Parks & Rec Facebook

SAVING SEEDS

Learn how to save your seeds and "winter" your garden from the growers of the Villagers' Pride and Produce Vegetable Garden.



Instructor: TBD

Date: Saturday, Sept. 11

Time: 10-11 AM

Space: Lathrup Village Community Vegetable Garden

Cost: suggested donation \$5 at the door



Keep your eyes open for holiday-related contests on the LV Parks & Rec Facebook page!



BUS TRIPS

Our bus trips are perfect for folks looking for fun times and new friends. Let us do the driving!

SEPTEMBER

Lathrup Village Diners hit the road for lunch at Peterlins in Farmington. Join us for great food and lots of laughs. All are welcome.

Date: Wed, Sept. 22

Time: Leave at 11:30 AM

Space: Meet in the lobby

Cost: \$5 per person, meal is self-pay

OCTOBER

Enjoy an authentic Italian dinner with the Lathrup Village Diners. We will head to Corktown hotspot Ottawa Via.

Date: Fri, Oct. 22

Time: Leave at 5 PM

Space: Meet in the lobby

Cost: \$5 per person, meal is self-pay

NOVEMBER

Get your shopping shoes on, we're heading up to the Birch Run Premium Outlets in the morning and Frankenmuth for lunch and shopping in the afternoon.

Date: Tues, Nov. 16

Time: Leave at 9 AM, back by 5 PM

Space: Meet in the lobby

Cost: \$10 per person, meal is self-pay

DECEMBER

We're heading to Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo! Stay tuned for more information on this family fun trip!

Date: TBD

Time: Evening

Space: Meet in the Community Room

Cost: \$15 per person

JANUARY

In January, the Diners will stay in to avoid winter weather. We will have an expert come in to chat with us about an interesting topic and then enjoy a meal together.

Instructor: TBD

Date: Tu, Jan. 11

Time: 10 AM-12 PM

Space: Meeting Place, 2nd Fl.

Cost: \$10, lunch included

FALL COMMUNITY EVENTS

FALL FEST

Saturday, Oct. 30, 12-3 PM

Kids and dog costume contests, crafts and family fun. Fee covers pumpkin, cider and donuts.

2 & under free.

Cost: \$5 residents, \$7 non-res



TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, Dec. 11, 5-8 PM

Free trolley tour of Lathrup Village's best decorated homes sponsored by Lathrup Village Homeowner's Association. Hot chocolate and crafts indoors, tree lighting at 8 PM under the Gazebo.

Cost: Free

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, Dec. 18, 10-12 PM

A Lathrup Village tradition! Enjoy a pancake breakfast and take lots of pictures with Santa.

Cost: TBD



What is the DDA?

The Lathrup Village Downtown Development Authority (LVDDA) is a separate taxing authority within the city which is governed by a Board of Directors, has an independent budget from the city. Revenues are generated through an additional 2 mils on all properties that fall within the district boundaries. LVDDA uses these funds to implement the Development & TIF Plan, and support their mission is to create an accessible village center that fosters economic vibrancy in our diverse community. The DDA functions to assist businesses and property owners in the District by combining public and private resources to provide an attractive and pedestrian-friendly environment.



Events

The LVDDA had a very busy, yet exciting summer! The LVDDA put together a fun-filled evening (despite the rain!) for Lathrup Village's first-ever Juneteenth Celebration: Unity in the Community, and co-hosted a car show with Road Masters Corvette Club. Both events were fantastic successes and planning is already underway for next year! LVDDA has also become a regular fixture at the Concerts in Park – providing free tabling opportunities to our businesses and spreading the word about the DDA activities. We have a lot of exciting events coming up this fall. Hope to see you there!



New look, same DDA!

The LVDDA initiated a rebranding campaign which finished in July. Check out our new logo, and keep an eye-out at events for fun new giveaways.

The improvements didn't stop there! Take a walk, drive, or bike ride on the newly completed city-wide bike route through the district to see our new flower baskets, refreshed flowerbeds at the Lincoln and 12 Mile Gateway signs, and at City Hall. A big thank you to resident Joanna Jividen for the design assistance, the LVDDA Beautification Task Force, and volunteers for helping us plant and give the Southfield Corridor a colorful and refreshed look.



For more information about LVDDA events or to get involved, visit us on Facebook @LVDDA, Instagram @downtownlathrup, or contact DDA Manager, Cori Dahl at cdahl@lathrupvillage.org, (248) 557-2500 ext 246.



FALL DDA EVENTS

SEPT. 15
Networking &
DDA Info Night
City Hall
4:00-6:00 PM

SEPT. 25
Lovin' Lathrup Village
Fall Clean Up
9:00-11:00 AM

SEPT. 28
Digital Marketing
Workshop
With Aaron Stone
City Hall, 5 PM

OCT. 9
Bikes & BBQ
City Hall
11:00AM-1:00 PM

OCT.-NOV.
Fireside Fridays
Municipal Park
11:00 AM-1:00 PM

NOV. 27
Shop Small Saturday
Artisan Fair
City Hall, Time TBD

**SIGN UP FOR EVENTS ON
FACEBOOK @LVDDA
LATHRUPVILLAGE.ORG
EVENTBRITE.COM**

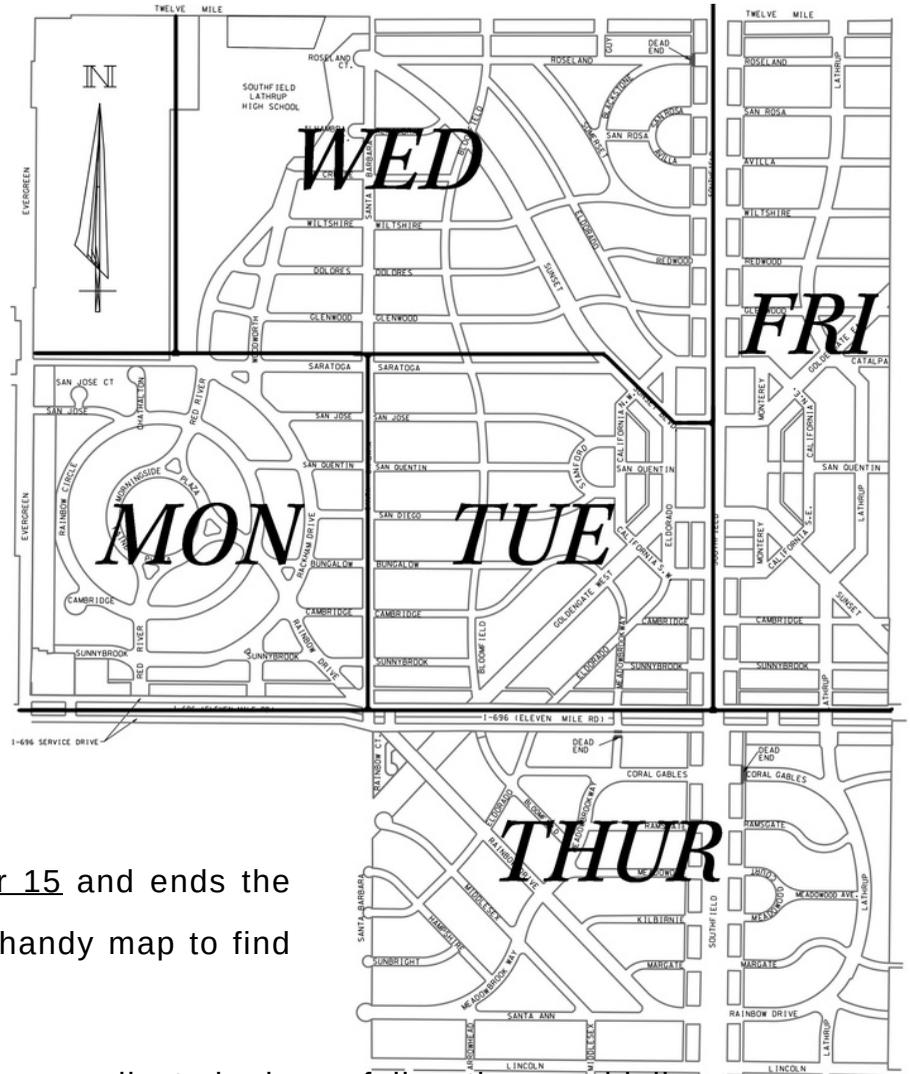


LEAF PICKUP GUIDELINES

Leaf pickup begins the week of October 15 and ends the first week of December. Check out this handy map to find your street's designated leaf pickup day.

To ensure that leaves from your property are collected, please follow these guidelines:

- Place leaf piles as close to the street as possible. But do not prevent two-way traffic.
- Think higher piles, not wider.
- Avoid placing leaves in the drainage ditches. Crews will not rake out ditches.
- Homeowners with addresses along Santa Barbara and Bloomfield should place leaf piles along adjacent side streets.
- Please limit your leaf piles to leaves only. Yard waste like grass clippings, branches & twigs, pet waste and trash cause equipment malfunctions. Crews will not process piles with these items.
- Help keep crews safe by placing leaf piles several feet away from garbage and other refuse.
- Expect some "leaf dust" to be left behind after the pile is processed.
- Avoid parking vehicles on or near leaf piles.
- Please be patient. The leaf collection schedule is weather-dependent. It takes longer to process wet leaves. Snowy leaves cannot be processed at all. Several windy days in a row will result in larger piles and longer processing time.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Compostable items such as leaves, weeds, twigs, etc. should be placed in yard waste bags. Branches under 2 inches in diameter should be broken or cut to fit in yard waste bags. Alternatively, yard waste may be placed in plastic garbage cans marked with the SOCRRA “YARD WASTE” stickers which are available at no cost at City Hall. Please note: Yard waste containers must weigh less than 50 pounds and all yard waste must fit within the container.

Yard Waste

COLLECTION DAY: Monday

PREPARATION:

- Paper yard waste bags
- 35-gallon or smaller trash cans with YARD WASTE decal attached and facing street
- Twigs and small branches bundled with twine

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

- Grass clippings, spent flowers and garden waste, tree and shrub trimming, wood chips, small branches and twigs
- Branches and twigs smaller than 2 inches in diameter; break up to fit completely in container



CHIPPING SERVICE

Guidelines

- Branches must be **2 – 4 inches** in diameter and **4 – 14 feet** long.
- Place branches stacked neatly at the curb with the “**CUT**” side facing the street.
- Stumps and logs are not part of the chipping program and cannot be collected.
- Smaller branches should be put out with YARD WASTE.
- The chipper truck runs on **Fridays**. Please be patient as all addresses might not be serviced on Friday due to the amount that is put out but the truck will get to you the following week.

Service ends December 17th. If you receive a **RED** tag or a door hanger, please note the checked item on the tag and make the necessary corrections for collection the following week.

****Christmas Trees will be collected the first two weeks of January****

EXAMPLES OF IMPROPER AND PROPER PLACEMENT OF BRANCHES FOR CHIPPING



NOT ACCEPTABLE
CHIPPER TRUCK CAN NOT ACCEPT LOGS OR STUMPS



ACCEPTABLE
CORRECT PLACEMENT OF BRANCHES WITH CUT ENDS FACING CURB



NOT ACCEPTABLE
BEAVER DAM

LEAF DISPOSAL ALTERNATIVES

The beauty and splendor of autumn is generally diminished every year by the burdensome task of raking leaves. There are several options for leaf disposal that are not only environmentally beneficial to your landscape but can also be less labor-intensive than raking or blowing leaves.

Here are four simple watershed-friendly ways to use your leaves and enhance your lawn:

1) Compost your leaves. Mix leaves with grass clippings and soil to create your compost pile. Compost can be added to your garden to enrich the soil and suppress plant diseases and parasites.

2) Chop or shred leaves with your mower and use them as mulch around ornamental plants, bushes and trees. Mulch reduces the need for watering and weeding.

3) Let leaves lie where they fall and mow them into the lawn. Leaves eventually decompose and can improve soil. Shredded leaves carry up to 80% of the nutrients a tree extracts from the soil and air.

4) Bag extra dry leaves to save for use in your compost pile during spring and summer.



Visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/> for more information tips for home composting.

STORM DRAINS AREN'T GARBAGE CANS: IT ALL DRAINS TO THE RIVER



Storm drains and roadside ditches play a key role in the quality of our region's lakes and rivers. Anything that gets in a storm drain or a roadside ditch goes directly to rivers and lakes without being treated. Follow these tips to help keep drains clear:

Sweep it. Do you have extra fertilizer, grass clippings, leaves, deicing salt, or dirt on your driveway? Sweep it back onto your lawn.

Keep it clean. Whether in the street or in your yard, remember to keep leaves, grass clippings, trash, fertilizers, and deicing salts away from storm drains.

Only rain in the drain. Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain. Once down the storm drain, all of these materials pollute our lakes and streams.

Label it. Volunteer to label storm drains in your neighborhood to inform your neighbors that they flow directly to our lakes and streams.

For additional information, contact: Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) at: (313) 961-4266, or www.semco.org.

LV LGBTQ+ SOCIAL

Lathrup Village LGBTQ+ Social is a group for residents who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. The purpose of this group is to meet other like-minded residents in our wonderful neighborhood. The vision is to be a resourceful social group, as well as an online community. Be sure to join our Facebook group of the same name for the latest information or contact Greg Ruvolo at gruvolo@gmail.com or (248) 224-6700 for more info. We look forward to meeting you at one of the monthly social gatherings.

VILLAGER'S PRIDE & PRODUCE COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN

The Villagers' Pride & Produce Community Vegetable Garden has been having a great first season. Gardeners have been growing a variety of delicious vegetables, and we are very thankful to everyone who has contributed to making this project a huge success. This fall we will be offering a seed saving workshop and an end of season party. To keep up to date about the garden news, you can join the Facebook group Villagers' Pride & Produce or email us at LathrupVeggieGarden@gmail.com.

LV WOMEN'S CLUB

After a challenging Covid year, the Lathrup Village Women's Club members came together for a much anticipated and much enjoyed June Picnic, our first non-Zoom meeting in a year. As Lathrup Village's oldest community organization, our picnic reinvigorated us leaving us eager to begin the Club's new year in September. Women throughout the metro-region are welcome to join us as we begin our 82nd year with a commitment to serve, educate and elevate. Contact Diane Anderson at (248) 565-5115.

LV COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Lathrup Village Community Foundation would like to thank you for supporting the 2021 Summer Concert Series. We are still celebrating our 25th Anniversary all year long with joint partnerships. This year we have partnered with the LV Women's Club for our annual Lighthouse Food Pantry Drive from October 18 to Nov 19. The LVCF has also partnered with the LVPD, Dec 1-31 for a hat and glove drive. Details on our Anniversary Fundraising event this fall/winter will be coming out soon. Please consider strengthening your involvement by giving a donation to the LVCF by mailing in your donation card.

LV HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lathrup Village Historical Society is a charitable, nonprofit organization interested in the preservation of the history of the city. The Society collects, organizes, preserves and restores material about Lathrup Village. We may have files related to your historic home, such as blueprints, photos and other documents. Custom historic-home plaques are available to order. Contact us at LVHS1954@yahoo.com or (248) 514-3842.

LATHRUP VILLAGE LION'S CLUB

The Lathrup Village Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world, with the motto WE SERVE. Lathrup Village Lions raise funds each year through several fundraisers including the Pancakes for Penrickton breakfast, a charity poker room, a White Cane Drive, a golf outing, and a Candy Cane Drive as well as other fundraisers. The LV Lions Club meets in City Hall at 6:30 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of most months. New members are always welcome. For more information or to make a donation, contact Jay Gardiner at (248) 561-8117 or visit us online at www.LathrupVillageLions.org.

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McIntyre Elementary is a great place to learn and grow. Please free to contact Principal Kimberly Beckwith for additional information and a tour!

Please contact:

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248-746-7365.

