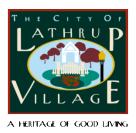
## CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE

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The indoor and outdoor rental rates were recently adjusted as part of our city-wide initiative to update fee schedules and policies.

The city recognizes that several community groups utilize public facilities throughout the year to engage in positive, community-building work. The goal throughout this process was to create a fee schedule that will allow us to cover increasing building maintenance costs, while respecting the needs of residents and community groups.

We introduced the Community Service Credit Program this summer and it has proven an effective way to record the great work individuals and groups are doing on behalf of the City of Lathrup Village. Nearly 600 hours and \$9,000 worth of volunteer time, in-kind donations and sponsorships have been logged so far. Individuals and groups are able to apply these credits towards indoor and outdoor rentals.

We have reviewed our policy and moving forward, individuals and groups will be able to apply their credits to deposits and room usage fees. It's worth making a special note that organizations will be responsible for covering set up/clean up fees beginning in 2020. These are pass-through fees that cover the cost of our event staff.

We are also discontinuing the practice of allowing one free event per year for community groups. All indoor and outdoor rentals will be subject to the rates approved by City Council. However, with the ability to apply community service credits for all events, we anticipate that groups will find this program far more beneficial and should end up paying much less out-of-pocket overall than they have been over the past few years.

Before the end of the year, please check in with me to ensure I have properly recorded all of your 2019 credits. Starting in January, Dr. Mitchell and I will be happy to come to any meetings to review the new policies with your board or membership.

Keep in mind the new policies take effect for bookings completed after January 1, 2020. If you need to book events for the new year and want to take advantage of current policies and rates, please confirm your reservations by December 31, 2019.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at <a href="mailto:recreation@lathrupvillage.org">recreation@lathrupvillage.org</a> or at (248) 557-2600 ext. 224. or contact City Administrator Sheryl Mitchell at 248.557.2600, ext. 225 and <a href="mailto:smitchell@lathrupvillage.org">smitchell@lathrupvillage.org</a>. I greatly appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

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