



YOUR TOWN

...happenings in Lathrup Village

Spring 2023

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Lathrup Village, MI 48076**

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MAYOR'S MEMO

Greetings Lathrup Village Residents,

I hope everyone enjoyed the first half of 2023! As I have written before, Spring/Summer is my favorite time of the year. I love seeing the newest springing up and of course the warm weather is always a plus.



As we go into spring you know the old saying, "April Showers...." means that we will have a lot of rain. Please remember that maintenance of stormwater ditches and culverts are the responsibility of every property owner. More information regarding why and how to keep the ditches and culverts maintained can be found inside the newsletter from our new Code Enforcement Officer Bill Diamond.

In addition to the warmer weather, it is time for our summer concerts! Nothing is better than grabbing a chair or blanket and sitting with friends listening to good music. Our summer concerts occur every Wednesday at 7:00 PM starting June 28th. I hope to see you there!

Here are a few more updates and dates to remember:

- Lead and Copper Exterior Excavation - yards affected will be re-seeded in the spring
- Sidewalk Replacement Program- residents can ask for a payment plan or use their own contractor
- Infrastructure Project Open House - 4/6 6 - 8PM
- DDA Informational Meeting- 4/21 12 - 1:30PM
- Hazardous Household Waste & Shred Waste Day - 4/22 10 - 2PM
- Senior Citizen Prom - 5/17 12 - 2PM
- Southfield Road Clean-up - 6/3 9 - 11AM
- Lathrup Village Garden Tour - 6/24 10 - 4PM

As a reminder, the City Council meets every 1st Monday and 3rd Monday of every month unless otherwise as posted. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or a council person by email or please come and introduce yourself at a council meeting. We would love to hear from you!

I wish you nothing but peace, joy, and grace for 2023.

In Service,

Mykale (Kelly) Garrett

Mykale (Kelly) Garrett
Mayor of Lathrup Village

City Council Meetings

Study Sessions

6:00 pm

1st and 3rd

Mondays of the Month
unless otherwise noted

Regular Meeting

7:30 pm

3rd Monday of the Month
unless otherwise noted

Makkachin's Musings

...tails from the Office Dog



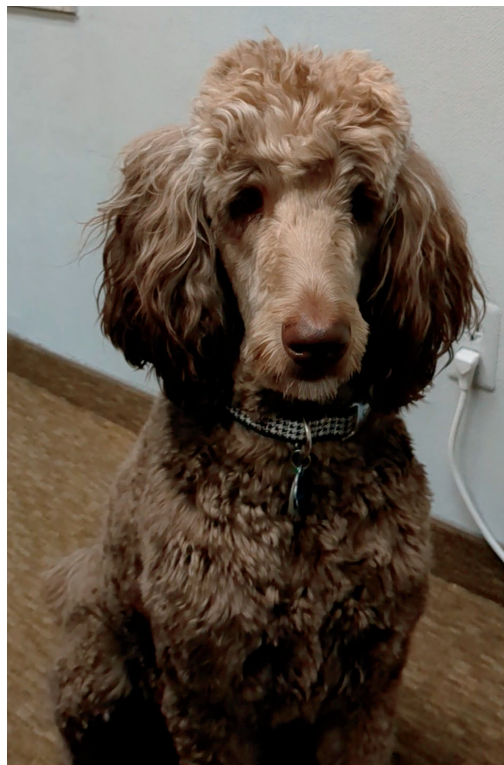
My mom tells me that lots of people ask where I have been lately, so you really do miss me when I am not there! Mom also tells me that there are weeks when I simply have to stay at home in Owosso with the rest of my family because she has meetings that I cannot go to. Can you imagine such nonsense? I always tell her I would be a good boy, but she leaves me in Owosso anyway :(Please ask her to bring me back!

When I am in the office I get lots of attention from everyone that comes to City Hall. Sometimes I even greet people at the front counter! Jacqueline gives me lots of kisses and treats! Susie brought a bed for me to lay on, and Pam plays tug-of-war with me. I love my pack at City Hall. I hope mom brings me back soon.

Be sure to come and visit me when you stop in!



~Makka

**FROM YOUR TREASURER**DELINQUENT TAXES

All unpaid 2022 Summer and Winter Taxes were turned over to the Oakland County Treasurer on March 1, 2023. If you have outstanding taxes, you will need to contact the county treasurer's office at 248-858-0611. Delinquent special assessments will be added to the 2023 summer tax bill if they were not paid by March 10, 2023. The summer tax bills will be mailed the first week of July 2023. For tax-related questions or concerns, please contact 248-557-2600 ext. 248.

CALCULATION INFLATION RATE MULTIPLIER:

On November 15, 2022, the Michigan State Tax Commission issued Bulletin 17 of 2022, which reported the inflation rate of 7.9%, which is used in calculating the property tax Headlee millage rollbacks. However, Proposal A limits the increase in taxable value for each parcel of property to the inflation rate of 5%, or the inflation rate, whichever is less, until the property is sold. Therefore, property owners can expect the 2023 taxable values to increase by 5%, but not to exceed their 2023 state equalized values. Any physical additions to the property, such as new construction, and any physical losses to the property, will also result in taxable value increases or decreases. When a property transfers ownership, the property "uncaps" the year after its transfers, and its taxable value is set at its respective assessed value.

NEED A DOG LICENSE?



The City of Lathrup Village has partnered with Oakland County PAWS program for dog licensing.

DOG LICENSING – Paws PROGRAM – OAKLAND COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Residents of Lathrup Village can obtain a dog license by coming to City Hall or applying online.

- Michigan law requires that all dogs over (4) months old to be licensed.
- Oakland County dog licenses are available to purchase at Lathrup Village City Hall

PLEASE BRING IN THE FOLLOWING:

Proof of current rabies vaccination

Proof of neutering (if applicable)

To purchase the dog license on-line use this link:

<https://www.oakgov.com/petadoption/Pages/default.aspx> then click the "Dog License" link.

Pricing of an Oakland County Dog License:

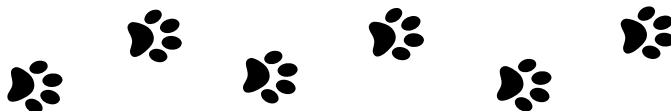
<https://www.oakgov.com/petadoption/animalcontrol/Pages/fees.aspx>

VACCINATED DATE REQUIREMENT

In order to purchase a three – year dog license, your pet's rabies expiration date must coincide with the date of the dog license.

For example, in the year 2022, a three-year dog license will have a year of 2024 (three years out).

If you plan to purchase a three- year dog license in 2022, then your dog's rabies vaccination expiration date must run through 2024.



A MESSAGE FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 30-41. – Maintenance of ditches and culverts.



Property owners are required to maintain all stormwater ditches and culverts constructed or installed in the area between their property line and the centerline of any street or alley abutting upon their property in a condition free of waste, dirt, plant growth, and other obstructions which block or obstruct the designed flow of stormwater in the ditch or culvert. All ditches and culverts which are so obstructed as to allow the unreasonable accumulation or impounding of stormwaters are declared to be public nuisances and are subject to the abatement and special assessment provisions as provided in this Code.

Our storm ditch system is designed so that water on the road flows into the storm ditches on the sides of the road. In turn, these ditches, which are on a slight angle, allow water to flow from one end of a street to the other. At the terminal end, the water enters a storm drain and gains entry into our storm water system. Once in this system, the water eventually flows out to the Rouge River. Unfortunately, a large number of streets in the City have one or more storm ditches that are either blocked or have a non-functional driveway culvert (the tube under the driveway approach that allows water to flow between the storm ditches on each side of a driveway). Blockages occur for many reasons including tree roots, accumulated sediment, debris, culverts that have heaved from seasonal temperature changes, items placed in the storm ditch, etc. In many cases, sediment that accumulates over time levels out a storm ditch so that it no longer has the required angle required for water to efficiently flow to the storm drain at the end of the street.

Mailboxes can take a beating, doing a mailbox checkup will help avoid missing mail delivery, damage to your mail, or difficulty identifying your address.

- Tighten loose hinges on the door
- Take care of rusty or loose parts
- Replace missing or faded house numbers
- Keep upright and maintain



The City of Lathrup Village / US Postal Service® do not maintain personal mailboxes:
The property owner is responsible for the repair of personal boxes.

Why Are Visible Address Numbers So Important? (Residential & Commercial Properties)

1. Emergency

If your address numbers are hard to find, it isn't just the inconvenience for anybody trying to locate your property, it could also mean that in the event of an emergency, firefighters, police and paramedics also can't find. Every second counts during an emergency, and precious time can be lost if your homes or businesses don't have clearly marked address numbers.

2. Curb Appeal

Increasing your home's curb appeal makes a great first impression to your visitors. There's a variety of simple, inexpensive curb appeal improvements that you can do including a new set of house numbers. Installing house numbers on your home is an easy and inexpensive way to add a personal touch to your home. But why go through the effort of mounting new address numbers if visitors can't see them?



Tips for Visible Address Numbers

1. Size

The first consideration for visible address numbers is their size. Your address numbers need to be large enough to be easily viewable from the street. If your home or business is set significantly back from the street, buy as large as you can fit without being gaudy. **Lathrup Village requires house numbers to be at least 4 inches tall per International Fire & Property Maintenance Codes:**



International Fire Code 505.1 Address identification.

New and existing buildings shall be provided with *approved* address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (12.7 mm). Where required by the *fire code official*, address identification shall be provided in additional *approved* locations to facilitate emergency response. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the *public way*, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. Address identification shall be maintained.

International Property Maintenance Code 304.3 Premises identification.

Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be not less than 4 inches in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.

2. Contrasting Color or Finish

For increased visibility, the color or finish of your address numbers should be in sharp contrast to its background. Create a light and dark contrast between the background and house numbers to make the address numbers jump.

3. Darkness

In addition to the color or finish of address numbers being in sharp contrast to its background, they also should be easy to spot at night. Install your house numbers in an adequately lit area. If installing near the front door, the area is probably already lit. But if installing your address numbers in a different location, such as at a gate or fence, consider illuminating address numbers with light or reflective coatings.

4. Location, Location, Location!

Ideally address numbers should be placed near the front door near a porch light and at or above eye level. If your front door is not easily viewed from the street, consider a second set of address numbers. Perhaps your home is set too far back, or trees or bushes block visibility of your front door from the road. In that case, mount a second set on a post, fence or tree at the driveway entrance so they can clearly be seen from the street. Avoid placing house numbers on a garage. And if you live on a corner ensure the address numbers face the street that matches your address.

5. Font Style

Improve the visibility of your address numbers by choosing the right font style. Thin, script font styles are more difficult to view from the street. Thick, wide, boldface fonts are designed for better visibility.

6. Spacing

In addition to size and font, it's also important to space them for ideal readability. If your house numbers are spaced too closely to each other they could be hard to read. Walk down to the street to view and decide if the numbers are spaced appropriately.

7. Weather-Resistant

Most address numbers come in all-weather finishes sealed with a lacquer or glaze. Nonetheless, since they will be exposed to the outdoor elements, be sure to choose a quality material that is durable and weather-resistant so that your house numbers will look good for years to come.

8. Mailbox

In addition to installing house numbers on front door, consider also adding visible house numbers on your free-standing mailbox and number on both sides so it can be seen by vehicles approaching from either direction.

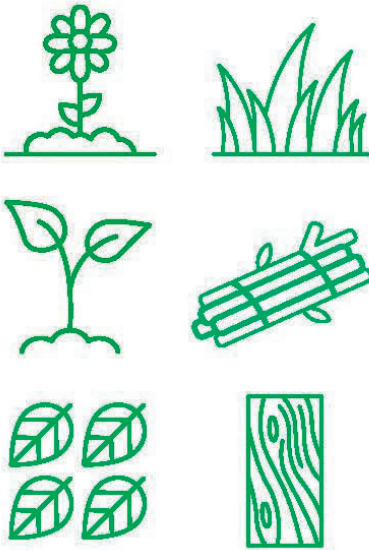
9. Commercial Properties

In addition to installing address numbers on the front of your building, add visible numbers on each rear door of the property to help differentiate between businesses.

Recycle More of Your Yard Waste



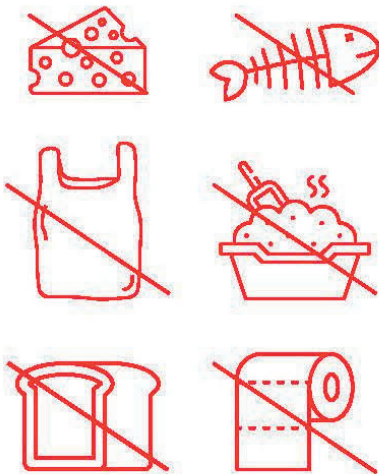
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- Grass clippings, leaves, sod
- Flowers, garden waste, dirt, potting soil, garden soil
- Tree and shrub trimmings, branches and twigs, vines, brush, roots
- Small stumps, wood chips and chipped trees, sawdust, wood shavings, firewood, logs, wood ashes
- Untreated, unpainted wood boards (nails removed), straw bales
- Brush (less than 2 inches in diameter and under 4 feet in length) can also be bundled with twine for collection
- Pumpkins and hay bales are accepted seasonally



DON'T INCLUDE

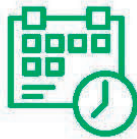


- Cooked food, meats, fish, bones, eggshells
- Oils and fats
- Dairy products
- Bread, pastas, grains
- Coffee grounds and tea bags
- Pet manure, cat litter
- Noxious weeds
- Charcoal from grills
- Paper products
- Biodegradable plastics*
- Compostable packaging*
- Plastic bags of any kind

**SOCRRRA's compost facility only accepts organic matter at this time.*



Yard Waste Collection Reminders



Set out before
7am on your
collection day.



Curbside collection provided from
the first Monday in April through
the third Friday in December.



Acceptable containers include
trash cans with "yard waste"
decals or 30-gallon paper yard
waste bags. No plastic bags.

50 lbs.



4 ft.



Containers must weigh less than
50 pounds and yard waste must
fit in designated container
(less than 4 feet in length).



Brush (less than 2 inches in
diameter and under 4 feet in
length) can also be bundled with
twine for collection.



Check with your city about
chipping services for tree debris
too large for curbside collection.

Household Hazardous/Shred Waste Drop Off



Saturday, April 22nd, 10am-2pm

What You Can Drop Off

Automotive Products

Medical Items

Pesticides

Herbicides

Fertilizer

Caulk

Fluorescent Bulbs

Lawn & Garden Products

Gasoline

Insecticides

Fungicides

Cleaning Products

Furniture Strippers

4 & 8ft Fluorescent tubes

Ammonia

Bleach

Wood/Metal Cleaners

Paints

Paint thinner/remover

Batteries

Cooking Oil

ELECTRONICS

Computers

Cables

Televisions

Accessories

Laptops

Game Systems

DVD/VCR Player

Phones/Answering Machines

UNACCEPTED ITEMS

Styrofoam

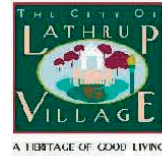
Radioactive Materials

Explosives

ANY WASTE GENERATED BY A BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE

Water Service Line Material Survey



Please come to City Hall to pick up a magnet and a penny for the test!

For the health and safety of our residents, the City of Lathrup Village is required to determine your water service line material. This aids in identifying if there is possible lead exposure in drinking water which may cause health risks. That is why the City of Lathrup Village is tracking where lead water service lines exist within our community.

We have beautiful historic homes here! We recognize that some homes were built up to 100 years ago. But this also means that our records are not always complete. We are asking our residents to help us to determine if your water service line is lead, copper or galvanized steel.

HOW THE SURVEY WORKS

There is a simple online tool created by the National Public Radio (NPR) that will guide you in determining if your water service line that connects to your water meter is lead, copper, or galvanized steel.

- There are only a couple of steps and all you will need is a coin and a magnet. To take a picture, a cellphone is recommended.
- Go online to Water Service Line Inquiry form at: <https://arcg.is/1P5rPe>
- Or you can use the QR Code 
- Click on the link to the NPR tool at: <https://apps.npr.org/find-lead-pipes-in-your-home/en/#intro>
- Enter the information requested on the survey, add a picture, and click SUBMIT!



If you have a lead or galvanized water service, the City of Lathrup Village will be required to replace the water line at no cost to our residents.

If you are unable to perform this task, the City will be required to verify your water service material and will need to schedule a time to inspect your water meter.

By using the tool and sharing your information, you will be helping our Department of Public Services and for that we thank you!

Thank you for your input! For questions, contact the City of Lathrup Village at 248.557.2600.

(248) 354-1010
24/7 NON-EMERGENCY
NUMBER



27400 SOUTHFIELD RD.
LATHRUP VILLAGE, MI 48076

Find the Police Department
on Facebook:
@LathrupVillagePoliceDepartment

LVPD NEWS

Police Body Worn Camera Program

After a year of working with the Federal government through the grant process, from body camera testing and evaluating, drafting policies and procedure writing, to ordering and implementation, it's finally completed.

Each full-time officer will be equipped with their own body camera, with part-time/reserve officers will use the pool cameras. The 30k grant covered a total of 50% of the overall product cost. The Federal government will pay 15k and we'll cover the other 15k.

If you have an emergency, please call 911 immediately.

Police Department

Police Chief Scott McKee
 Lieutenant Michael Zang
 Sargeant Michael Tackett
 Police Clerk Theresa Knoll

Full-Time Officers

Keith Robers
 Amanda Carmack
 Jeremy Huston
 Nkrumah Hutson
 Remy Gijbsbers
 Paul Chickensky
 Robert Fisher
 Michael Staijich

Part-Time Officers

Terry Lawrence
 Eric Button

Reserves

Steve Hodges - Sargeant
 George Sovinsky
 Brian Lietzke
 Scott Wiederhold
 Bradley Gerbs
 Theresa Knoll

**CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE
ARTICLE II MUNICIPAL CODE
(CHAPTER 26)
ALARM SYSTEMS – FALSE ALARMS**

These are condensed highlights of the Ordinance. The complete Ordinance can be obtained at the Lathrup Village Municipal Office or the Police Department.

The City of Lathrup Village Ordains;

The title of this Ordinance is "Eleventh Amendment to Municipal Code" and its purpose is to add a new Chapter to the Code which will regulate the installation, maintenance, and use of emergency alarm systems. This will help reduce the number of false alarms to which police and fire personnel are called upon to respond, reduce needless annoyances and disturbances to the neighbors, and requires alarm abusers to reimburse the City for a portion of the cost of responding to false alarms.

Article II of the 1991 Municipal Code Ordinance Section 26-60 is hereby amended by the addition of a new Chapter 26 which shall read as follows:

Chapter 26. Alarm Regulations

A. Special Definitions

101 through 107 are the special definitions for this Alarm Ordinance.

B. Alarms – Prohibited & Required Features

- Prohibits any alarms being automatically dialed into the Police or Fire Department.
- Requires automatic shut – off on all audible alarms in the City within 15 minutes.

C. Registration Required

- Registration must be obtained within 30 days for systems in existence after the effective date of this Ordinance. No person shall have an alarm system without having a registration.
- Registrations shall be filed with the Police Department on forms furnished by the City.
- With the completion of the registration, a fee of \$20.00 shall be paid to the City.
- The alarm system shall conform to the requirements of the Ordinance.
- Registrations expire after 3 years and are renewable for a \$5.00 fee.
- Requires alarm users to notify Police whenever the information on the registration changes.
- Failure to register an alarm may result in a citation which carries a fine up to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail.

D. Excessive False Alarms

- Requires alarm holder to exercise due care to install and maintain control of the alarm system. Instruct all persons having access to the premises to prevent false alarms from occurring.
- More than three "at fault" false alarms in any 12-consecutive month period deemed to be excessive and declared to be public nuisance and subject to corrective action.
- Alarm holder has the opportunity to submit an explanation for each false alarm.
- Police Chief to determine status of "at fault" false alarms after explanations.
- A \$100.00 fee charged for third and subsequent "at fault" false alarms in a 12-month calendar period.

E. General Provisions

- Police Chief may initiate corrective actions for excessive "at fault" false alarms.
- Decision of Police Chief may be appealed to Business Appeal Board.

Submit to the Police Department

City of Lathrup Village
Alarm Registration
27400 Southfield Road
Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076
248-557-3600

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ALARM LOCATION

_____ Lathrup Village, MI 48076
Street Address Suite

phone number

ALARM OWNER

Name or Business Name

Owner/Manager Phone Number (home or cell)

EMERGENCY CONTACTS (IF ALARM OWNER IS NOT AVAILABLE)

Name Phone number (home or cell)

Name Phone number (home or cell)

Name Phone number (home or cell)

ALARM SYSTEM INFORMATION

Alarm Company Phone number
Type of Alarm: Burglar _____ Hold up _____
Medical _____ Fire _____ Other _____
After Hours Cleaning Company yes _____ no _____
Hazardous chemicals on site yes _____ no _____

BILLING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

Address, City, State, Zip Code Contact Phone Number

\$20 FEE _____
Paid _____ check # _____ date paid _____

I furthermore state that I have read and understand all the provisions of the Lathrup Village Alarm Ordinance Article II, Chapter 26 and that I will abide by all the regulations as contained therein.

Signature of Applicant Date

Chief of Police or Designee Date

LATHRUP VILLAGE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The LVDDA Board of Directors is comprised of ten individuals who serve four-year appointments. Board meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 12 Noon at Lathrup Village City Hall in The Meeting Place (2nd Floor). There are also three committees which support and implement the activities of the LVDDA – Economic Vitality, Promotions, and Design. Should you be interested in volunteering, please contact DDA Director/Manager – Community & Economic Development Susie Stec at sstec@lathrupvillage.org. Involvement in these committees is open to anyone and is not strictly for those businesses or residents located in the district.

The LVDDA is actively engaged in the Main Street Oakland County (MSOC) program at the Associate-level, and at the Affiliate-level of National Main Street Center (NMSC). LVDDA follows The Main Street Approach which focuses on Transformation Strategies centered around the 4-Point Approach (Economic Vitality, Design, Promotions, and Organization).

The goal of the LVDDA is, and has always been, to be an advocate for the businesses and foster economic growth within the district. The primary objectives for the LVDDA this year include placemaking initiatives, supporting the commercial corridor, and improving the overall appearance of the district.



LVDDA UPCOMING EVENTS

- DDA Informational Meeting: April 21, 2023 (12-1:30 PM)
- Cash Flow Workshop: April 26, 2023 (8-10 AM)
- Mental Health Awareness Seminar: May 24, 2023 (6-8 PM)
- Planting Party: June 3, 2023 (9-11 AM)
- Southfield Road Cleanup: June 10, 2023 (9-11 AM)
- Juneteenth Celebration: June 17, 2023 (12-4 PM)



2023 CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Winter may not be ready to end, but construction activities are getting ready to start! Consumers Energy (CMS) is once again working to upgrade the residential service lines throughout the city. CMS and their contractor, Kaltz Excavating, will be working on the following streets: Red River/Morningside, Goldengate, San Jose Blvd, Glenwood, and Sunnybrook. Effected residents will receive door hangers no less than 24 hours prior to work beginning. Work on Red River/Morningside has already begun, with work on Sunnybrook scheduled to begin on Monday, March 13th. Should residents have any questions or issues with the work being done, please call the number on the door hangers.

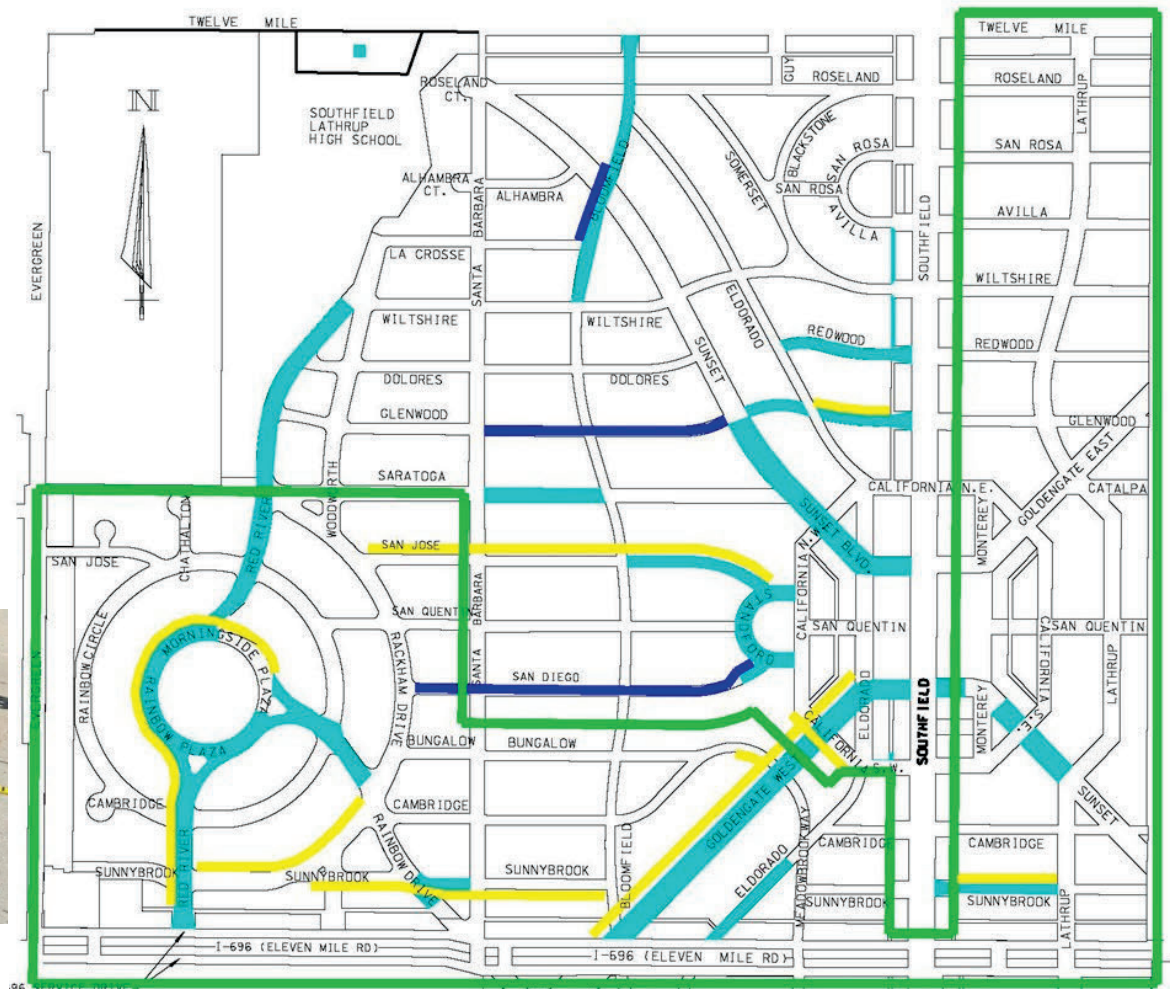
Year 3 of the city's infrastructure projects, beginning with street paving, are scheduled to begin April 17th. Paving work will predominately be resurfacing ("mill & fill") and will continue throughout the summer. The final year of the Sidewalk Replacement Program (SRP) is tentatively scheduled to start in May. The goal of this program is to replace aging or degrading squares to create safe conditions, reduce the likelihood of slip-and-fall accidents, and bring all sidewalks into compliance with the city's ordinances. Residents will be getting their SRP cost estimates in the next week and will have the opportunity to either complete the work themselves or have the city perform the work. The construction map identifies all of the infrastructure project work schedule for this year. Staff is working to update the Infrastructure Project page on the city's website with current information at <https://www.lathrupvillage.org/businesses/infrastructure.php>.

Finally, the city will be hosting an **Infrastructure Project Open House on Thursday, April 6th from 6 – 8 pm in The Meeting Place (2nd floor, City Hall)**. Staff and consultants will be available to answer questions regarding the upcoming project work.

As construction gets underway, the website and e-newsletter will be the best spots for updated information.

CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE 2023 CONSTRUCTION MAP

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT ———
ROAD RESURFACING ———
SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT ———
CONSUMERS ENERGY ———



HOME HEATING CREDIT

Applicants Wanted for Home Heating Credit Applications Must Be Submitted by Sept. 30, 2023

Michiganders who need help with their energy bills can now apply for the Home Heating Credit, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury).

Low-income, deaf, disabled or blind persons, disabled veterans and senior citizens may qualify for the Home Heating Credit. Applicants are not required to file a Michigan individual income tax return to receive the credit.

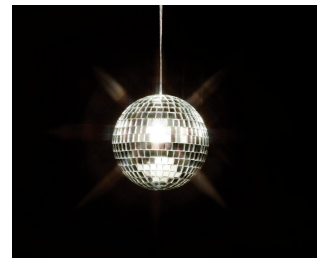
"While it may be March, heating season is still in full force as we navigate yet another chilly Michigan spring," said State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks. "This credit can provide assistance on heating bills during our cold seasons, allowing individuals to spend their hard-earned dollars on other necessities. Please don't hesitate to seek out assistance if you think you're eligible."

Forms and instructional materials are available on the internet at Michigan.gov/IncomeTax or by calling 517-636-4486. Forms are also available at many libraries, Northern Michigan post offices, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) offices across the state.

All applications for the credit must be received by Sept. 30, 2023.

Additional information can be found on the Home Heating Credit website. For more information about resources available for heating assistance, go to Michigan.gov/HeatingAssistance.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Senior Citizens Prom

Put on your festive clothes and plan to attend the Senior Citizens Prom on **May 17, 2023 from 12:00pm - 2:00pm**. Music and food will be provided by the City. Seniors 62 and older \$10. Seniors 61 and under will be \$20. Registration information will be available as the date draws closer.

Teen Mental Wellness Community Forum & Essay Contest

The city of Southfield, in partnership with the Optimist Club of Southfield-Lathrup Village, Southfield Public Schools, Lawrence Technological University, Metro Detroit Youth Clubs and the City of Lathrup Village, will present a Teen Mental Wellness Community Forum on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Detroit Youth Clubs Field Zone located on the Southfield Municipal Campus at 26000 Evergreen Road in the lower level of the Southfield Pavilion.

As a part of the forum, the Optimist Club is sponsoring a 400-500 word essay contest for middle and high school students with the topic “Growing Forward in a World that Works:

- What do you want to learn more about?
- Passion: If you could be or do anything, what would it be and why?
- What is your responsibility to your community ... the world?”

The essay contest is open to all 6th-12th grade students who live, attend school or are a member of a youth mentoring program in Southfield or Lathrup Village. All entries must include three separate documents (application, essay cover page, and essay) emailed to slvoptimist@gmail.com by Friday, April 14. The first, second and third place winners will receive cash awards and recognitions. Lawrence Technological University will offer three LTU Blue Devil Partnership Scholarships worth \$17,000.00 a year for four years or a maximum award for a bachelor's degree of \$68,000.00 for eight semesters. Each place winner, first, second, and third will receive this scholarship award to attend Lawrence Technological University.

In addition, each winner will receive one free summer technological scholarship camp worth \$1,000 to attend the camps being offered in summer 2023. Students must be sophomores, juniors and/or seniors to attend the camps.

The Teen Mental Wellness Community Forum will feature a number of panelists addressing the topic of “What’s happening with our youth?” The panel will include Lathrup Village Police Officer Keith Roberts with Warning Signs; Southfield Police Sergeant Teresa Young and Officer Brandon Walker with Triggers; Darryl Allen, LPC from Ascension Michigan with Stigmas; Southfield Fire Chief Johnny Meniffee with Resilience; and Lawrence Technological University Professor and author Dr. Jackie Stavros with Conversations Worth Having.

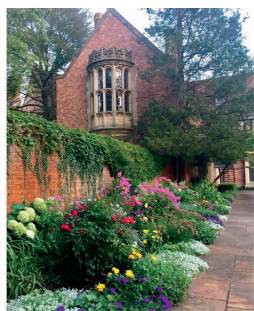
The forum will also include the essay contest finalist presentations and announcement of winners as well as numerous mental healthcare professionals and other exhibitors, including Oakland Community Health Network, Southfield Anti-Drug Coalition, and SAFE Hearts. Especially for teens, an engaging presentation and activity with Delivery Drones will be presented by Captain Woodrow “Joe” White and Crew from +5 Technologies. Learn more at this link. Advance online registration is required at this link by Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

The Optimist Club of Southfield-Lathrup Village is made up of local volunteers and community leaders and has serviced the communities of Southfield and Lathrup Village since May 8, 1979. With the motto “Friend of Youth” and a vision to provide hope and positive vision to bring out the best in the community, particularly local youth, the Club promotes special programs and activities throughout the year.

UPCOMING GARDEN TOUR EVENTS

Do you want to see and tour beautiful flower gardens in Lathrup Village? Please set June 24th aside and join the Lathrup Village Nature Group as they tour a minimum of five lovely gardens and answer questions you may have about flowers.

Please contact nancyperchard@yahoo.com for more information.



Meadow Brook Gardens Horticultural Tour

Wednesday, July 26th
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Stroll the gardens of Meadow Brook Hall with a trained, knowledgeable docent from the Meadow Brook Garden Club.

\$20/person
Includes ticket and
boxed lunch.

RSVP
klondon@lathrupvillage.org
(248) 557-2600 ext. 226

Lathrup Village Garden Tour 2023



• Saturday June 24th •
10 AM to 4 PM

• Looking for **VOLUNTEERS!** •

To volunteer contact Nancy at
nancyperchard@yahoo.com
(Rain Day Sunday June 25th)

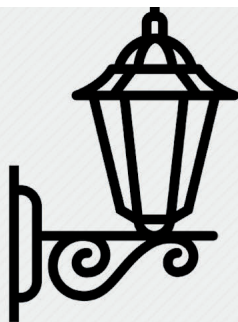
VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Volunteer opportunities available as
garden docents, booth staffing, signage,
etc. Hours flexible.

Do you love all things flowers and gardens? Please join us for a tour of the Meadow Brook Gardens on July 26, 2023.

Transportation will be provided for Senior's that do not want to drive, but you must sign up to attend as the bus has limited seating.

Please email Councilwoman Barb Kenez with any questions you might have at bkenez@lathrupvillage.org.



Lathrup Village Women's Club

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The Lathrup Village Women's Club is in our 84th year and proud to be the oldest community organization in Lathrup.

We continue our commitment to community service through education, serving those in need, and fellowship.

For questions, please contact President Nena Downing at 248-302-8745

You are cordially invited to attend!

Upcoming Programs:

April 3 • Fun and Games

May 1 • Election of Officers, May Get Together

June • Luncheon TBD

Programs are held at City Hall beginning at 12 noon.

Beneficiaries include Detroit Goodfellows, Detroit Rescue Mission, VA Hospital in Detroit, local charities.



Lathrup Village Women's Club

Established 1939

Membership Application

Annual Dues \$25

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____

Areas of Interest

Board Member

Historian

Charity Review

Hospitality

Finance

Programming

Fundraising

Other

Favorite Local Charity: _____

Preferred Meeting Time: _____

Please make checks payable to: The Lathrup Village Women's Club
Mail to: Joy Powell, Treasurer, 27780 California Dr. NE, Lathrup Village, MI 48076
Questions: Please call Karen L. Miller 248-515-8653

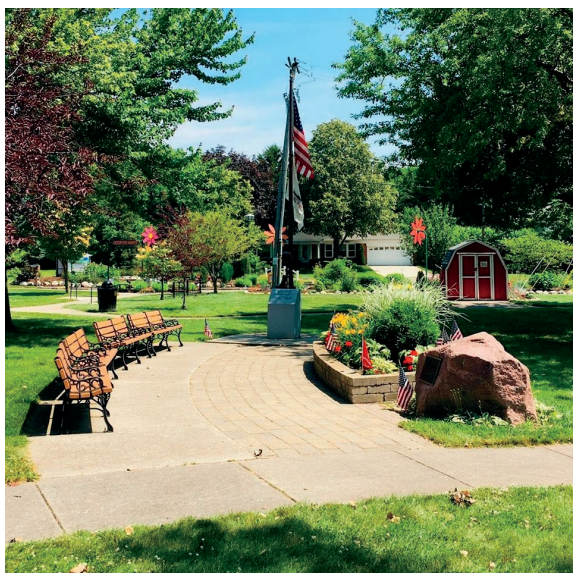
LATHRUP VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

The Lathrup Village Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world. Lions are dedicated to serving people in need, whether in their own community or globally.

The LV Lions Club raises funds for several local organizations including Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, JDRF, Eversight, Lions Bear Lake Camp and Lions Project KidSight. The club is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charitable organization. Donations can be made on the club's website www.LathrupVillageLions.org. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 760486, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

Meetings are held in City Hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The Lions Club is seeking new members, and anyone curious about Lions is welcome to attend a meeting.

For more information about the LV Lions Club and its activities, find us on Facebook or contact Jay Gardiner at 248-561-8117 or by email at jagar@ix.netcom.com.



LATHRUP VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Lathrup Village Community Foundation would like to thank the LV Police Department and the LV residents for all the donations and support with helping to make the winter Food Pantry and Hat/Gloves drive a success. Thank You!!!

The *LVCF* is reducing its carbon footprint in the community by creating a new virtual gift giving platform. Please scan the QR Code to give your gift of support today. Thank You!!!

Please scan with your phone.



LATHRUP VILLAGE LGBTQ+ SOCIAL

Lathrup Village LGBTQ+ Social is a group for residents who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. Our purpose is to meet other like-minded residents in our wonderful city. We are a networking and social group that meets monthly, as well as an online community. If you identify with this group, be sure to join our Facebook group (of the same name) for the latest information, or contact Greg Ruvolo (gruvolo@gmail.com or 248-224-6700) for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES INFORMATION

The Lathrup Village Community Foundation Summer Concert Series will be held on Wednesdays @ 7:00pm starting June 28, 2023. We look forward to seeing you at the gazabo this summer. What a great way to spend your evening with family and friends listening to Live Music.

Please sign up at city hall to receive updates and a list of the weekly performers. Details for all the LVCF activities will be posted in the Lathrup Village city weekly e-newsletter.



LIVE MUSIC

Lathrup Village Community Foundation

Summer Concert Series 2023

Opens with the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer

Mr. Billy Davis

June 28, 2023 @ 7:00pm

BILLY DAVIS: BIO

Billy Davis is an inductee of: Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Doo Wop Hall of Fame, National Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame 30 Years with Hank Ballard Inspiration and Mentor to Jimi Hendrix Jackie Wilson's Original Lead Guitarist 'It's Your Thing' Guitarist for The Isley Brothers Billy Davis, born in Benton, Mississippi, is a trailblazing guitarist who grew up in Detroit, Michigan from the age of thirteen. He has been a professional musician from the age of eighteen. Raised in the 1950's Black Bottom neighborhood of Detroit with strong musical influences, he started his first band at the age of 17, as the headliner for Billy Davis & the Upsetters, which became Berry Gordy's first in-house live band, pre-Motown, long before the 'Funk Brothers'. Davis was so ahead of the times that a song title with "funk" had to be changed to "spunk" to receive airplay. His early use of the wah-wah pedal was outright rejected by his producers and band mates; then, in later years became the signature for many other musicians.

Billy Davis continues to mentor young musicians; he has included young harp player Mighty Michael Mendelson as special guest with his Billy Davis Rhythm Machine Band and is developing the youth's guitar skills. Billy Davis continues to carry the torch in the music industry as he is a treasured music legend in his own time. His memoir, tell-all book Billy Davis: Odyssey of a Music Legend will be available soon.

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