



# **YOUR TOWN**

*...happenings in Lathrup Village*



**Winter 2023**

**City of Lathrup Village  
27400 Southfield Rd  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076**



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Greeting Lathrup Village Residents,

It is hard to believe we are already ending 2022 and moving into a new year. 2022 has been a very exciting year for the City of Lathrup Village. We have new employees, new businesses and new opportunities for every resident to get involved in City activities.



I am very excited to announce our new employees. As most already know, we welcomed our new City Manager, Susan Montenegro in July. Sue has brought a wealth of knowledge to our city and is focused on moving the city forward in a positive manner.

We have had four additional new hires. First is Brittany Dorsey, our new DDA and Special Projects Manager. She has been doing a phenomenal job at making sure the events that our residents have come to love continue and she has been instrumental in bringing new events also. The next new employee is Jessica Miller. Jessica is our new Deputy Treasurer. She is a delight to talk to and I'm sure we all are happy to see our Treasurer getting the needed assistance that has been long overdue for her. In addition to Brittany and Jessica, we have a new officer. Michael Staijich is our newest hire for the police department. Officer Staijich started in September. Last but certainly not least, William "Bill" Diamond, Jr. has been hired as our new code enforcement officer. Bill will join the city on January 3, 2023. Please stop by the office and welcome our new members of the Lathrup Village staff.

I am really excited about the activities that are happening around the city. Here are some dates to remember:

- 1/18 - Economic Vitality Session Utilizing Regional Resources - held at the Oak Park Public Library
- 2/14 - Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon
- 2/24 - 2nd Annual Chili for Charity Potluck
- 3/24 - Fireside Friday
- 3/28 - DDA Business Seminar/Panel Discussion
- 4/24 - Park Cleanup
- 5/17 - Senior Citizens Prom
- 5/24 - Mental Health Awareness Seminar
- 6/03 - Southfield Road Corridor Clean-Up

These are some great events and to make the events even better, we need you! Please consider volunteering at one of our city events.

Special note - if you need to get in contact with me directly, the best way is to send me an email at [kgarrett@lathrupvillage.org](mailto:kgarrett@lathrupvillage.org). I receive my city emails on my phone but not my voicemails from the city. Also please feel free to come to the City Council meetings and we can talk after the meetings are over. City Council meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.

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

## Please Welcome Our New Staff Members

You may have noticed some new faces during your visits to city hall since the last *Your Town* publication. Below is a bit more information about them:



Brittany Dorsey (LVDDA Manager) and Mary Means (One of the visionaries and founders of the national Main Street program)

### **Brittany Dorsey**

If you've had the pleasure of attending any LVDDA events this summer, chances are good that you've also met our new DDA and Special Projects Manager Brittany Dorsey. She is a former professional athlete and entrepreneur with 10 years of business management experience in sports and community events.

Brittany brings a high level of energy and enthusiasm to everything she does! She has been responsible for taking the lead on established DDA events and is eager to bring more to the community. "I intend to assist small business owners in the City of Lathrup Village by way of positive influence. I strongly believe in networking, providing resources and encouraging businesses and residents to invest in their ideas. Consistency and communication are key!". Brittany can be reached at [Bdorsey@lathrupvillage.org](mailto:Bdorsey@lathrupvillage.org).



### **Jessica Miller**

Jessica joined the Lathrup Village team in August as Deputy Treasurer. Jessica has a proven background in finance and has several years of municipal experience. At various points in her career, she had full responsibility for assisting with financial operations such as providing day-to-day support with tax collection, deposit reconciliation, and preparation of all disbursements related to tax collection.

When Jessica is not working, she enjoys spending quality time with her husband, their three daughters and two small dogs. We warmly welcome Jessica onboard, please feel free to stop by and say hello. Jessica can be reached at [jmiller@lathrupvillage.org](mailto:jmiller@lathrupvillage.org).



### **Michael Stajich**

Officer Stajich has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and attended the Police Academy at Washtenaw Community College. He was hired as a full-time police officer in September this year; however, he started his law enforcement career as a part-time officer with the City of Lathrup Village in 2006. He accepted a full-time position with the Royal Oak Police Department later that year. In 2015, Officer Stajich became a K9 handler and took training with his partner K9 Jesse. In 2020, K9 Jesse and Officer Stajich were named K9 Team of the Year for Vhone Liche Kennels and Kinetic Dog Food. Both were featured in advertisements for Kinetic Dog Food. After a successful career as a K9 Officer, Jesse retired and lives at home with Officer Stajich. Welcome back Officer Stajich!



### **William "Bill" Diamond, Jr.**

We are happy to announce that Bill will join the Lathrup Village team on January 3, 2023 as our new code enforcement officer / building department clerk and has a vast array of pertinent experience. Bill comes to us from Hamtramck where he was serving as their DPW Director. Prior to that, he was with the Hamtramck Fire Department where he served as their Fire Marshall. Inspections, enforcement, reporting, ordinance review, and issuing permits are just a sampling of his previous experience. Please feel free to stop in a meet Bill and make him feel welcome! Starting Jan. 3, 2023, Bill can be reached at [wdiamondjr@lathrupvillage.org](mailto:wdiamondjr@lathrupvillage.org).



## Makkachin's Musings

...tails from the Office Dog



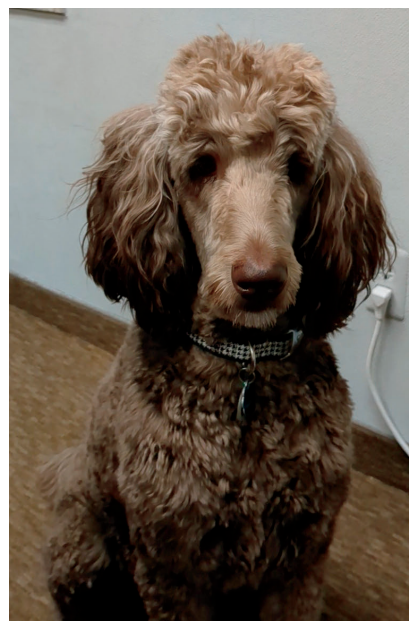
My full name is Makkachin, but you can call me Makka for short. Everyone wants to know where my name came from. I am named after a character's dog from a Japanese Anime who is also a brown, standard poodle!

Life as the official office dog is pretty great, I've met lots of people and everyone is really nice to me. The best part is I get to be with my mom all day long!

I love chin scratches, neck rubs and belly rubs so please come and meet me! My official job is to bring happiness to everyone, and I look forward to seeing you soon!



~Makka



## FROM YOUR TREASURER

### Winter Taxes:

- Winter tax bills were mailed the first week of December. If you have paid off your home or made changes to your mortgage company, please notify us at 248-557-2600 ext. 248. This ensures your tax bill is mailed to the correct place.

### Important Dates and Facts:

- You have until February 14, 2023 to pay your 2022 Winter Taxes without penalty at the city office.
- After February 14th, a 3% penalty will be assessed to the taxes, which can be paid at the city office until February 28, 2023.
- On March 1, 2023, all unpaid taxes will be submitted to Oakland County Treasurer. If you have outstanding taxes, please call 248-557-2600 ext. 248, for a revised tax bill.
- Delinquent special assessments will be added to the 2023 Summer Tax bills if not paid by February 28, 2023.
- 2023 Summer Taxes will be sent out the first week of July.

### How to Pay Your Taxes:

- **Online-** <https://www.officialpayments.com/index.jsp>
- **24 hour Drop box-** North side of City Hall, by the Police Department.
- **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 incur a \$50 processing fee.

### Board of Review:

March 2023, exact date and time TBA.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

### Please Review your Water Bill:

If you are receiving an estimated bill please contact the Water Department immediately to schedule an appointment to rewire your property!!

**If there is an "E" behind your current read you are receiving an estimated bill.**

Questions: 248-557-2600, ext. 277  
gthornhill@lathrupvillage.org

CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE  
WATER DEPARTMENT  
27400 SOUTHFIELD RD.  
LATHRUP VILLAGE, MI 48076  
(248) 557-2600, EXT. 221

PROPERTY ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
CYCLE SECTION ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED]  
FROM 001 2A 10 [REDACTED] TO 09/08/21 10/05/21  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

UTILITY BILL  
PLEASE RETURN THIS STUB FOR PROPER CREDIT  
NAME & ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CODE	CURR READ	PREV READ	100 CU. FT.	AMOUNT
PB	1562E	1547E	15	\$0.00
WA	1562E	1547E	15	\$65.63
SW	1562E	1547E	15	\$128.40
MC				\$2.93
BC				\$1.00
CT				\$10.70

BILLING DATE 10/05/2021  
AFTER 10/26/2021  
CURRENT RESIDENT [REDACTED]  
LATHRUP VILLAGE, MI 48076-3317

AMOUNT DUE \$208.66  
PAY THIS AMOUNT \$229.52

### There are five convenient and easy ways to pay your water bill

- 1. Direct Payments** - using this method, your payment will be taken directly out of an account of your choosing. You will still get a notification every month showing the amount due and the due date when the payment will be removed from the account so there are no surprises!
- 2. Drop Box** - you can drop your payment in our locked drop box located outside City Hall next to the Police Department.
- 3. Mail Payment** - you can mail your payment to:  
City of Lathrup Village, Water Department  
27400 Southfield Road  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076
- 4. Pay the cashier at City Hall.**



**NSF Fee** - Returned checks for non-sufficient funds, closed account, etc., will result in a \$50 processing fee.

### UNPAID WATER & SEWER BILLS BECOME A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY.

### Water Main Breaks

Water mains usually run under the pavement. Water main breaks can happen for a variety of reasons. Although water main breaks can happen at any time during the year, most are likely to occur during extreme weather conditions. It is most common to see system leaks and main breaks when the weather is frigid, and air temperatures drop. Air temperature at or below freezing causes the ground above a pipe to freeze, increasing external stress on a pipe. Hot, dry weather can also take a toll; ground shifts and increased volume and pressure can also stress water mains.

If you are experiencing brown, rusty water during a water main break or annual maintenance simply turn on the COLD water faucet at the lowest level of your home (nearest the water meter) and let the COLD water run for no more than 10 minutes. This should clean out the residue in your service line and clear the problem. The water is safe to drink but do not wash whites since they will discolor.



**(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

*Lathrup Village Police Department  
2nd Annual Chili for Charity Potluck*



**Bring your best crock pot of chili or just come for great company.**

**All proceeds will go to The Bear Hug Foundation based out of Birmingham MI. The Bear Hug foundation provides summer camp experience for underprivileged special needs and at-risk children.**

**Date: 02/24/2023**

**Time: 5:00pm-7:00 pm**



**Cost: \$5 for entry and \$10 to be a taster. All proceed goes to charity**

**To be held in the Community Room of City Hall 27400 Southfield Rd**

**Deadline to purchase tickets is 4pm on February 17th**

**RSVP: [acarmack@lathrupvillage.org](mailto:acarmack@lathrupvillage.org) or see Theresa at LVPD. Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM**



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

**ALARM LOCATION**\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address\_\_\_\_\_  
Suite

Lathrup Village, MI 48076

\_\_\_\_\_  
phone number**ALARM OWNER**\_\_\_\_\_  
Business/Last 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 numberType of Alarm: Burglar \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical \_\_\_\_\_Hold up \_\_\_\_\_  
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 NumberPaid \_\_\_\_\_  
check # \_\_\_\_\_ date paid \_\_\_\_\_

I furthermore state that I have read and understand all the provisions of the Lathrup Village Eleventh Amendment Alarm Ordinance Number 272 (printed on the reverse side) and that I will abide by all the regulations as contained therein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Police or Designee\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Safety Tips

### Gear Up for Winter Driving

*My Car Does What?* is a national campaign to help educate drivers about the safety features built into vehicles. Search for your car and find out what safety features are already built in.

Traction control is now standard on most new vehicles. This function helps your vehicle gain traction on snowy, icy or wet surfaces, particularly when accelerating from a stopped or slowed position, or when trying to make it up a slippery hill.

Anti-lock braking system (ABS) helps you steer in emergencies by restoring traction to your tires and is standard on most new vehicles, as well. ABS may vibrate or pulse when engaged. This is normal. Continue to press and hold pressure to the brake pedal.







**Report unsafe products:**  
**SaferProducts.gov**  
**(800) 638-2772**  
**or (301) 595-7054**  
 (for deaf or hard of hearing individuals and/or individuals with speech and language disorders)



## 7 Highly Effective **Portable Heater Safety Habits**

1. Keep all sides of the heater at least 3 feet from beds, clothes, curtains, papers, sofas and other items that can catch fire.
2. Never run the heater's cord under rugs or carpeting and never power the heater with an extension cord or power strip.
3. Make sure the heater is not near water. NEVER touch it if you are wet.
4. Place the heater on a stable, level surface, located where it will not be knocked over.
5. Never leave the heater operating while unattended or while you are sleeping.
6. If the heater's cord or plug is HOT, disconnect the heater and contact an authorized repair person. If any part of the outlet is hot, contact a certified electrician.
7. Check [SaferProducts.gov](https://www.saferproducts.gov) to see if your electric heater has been recalled.



United States  
**Consumer Product Safety Commission**

NSN-112015

**CPSC.gov**  
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**USCPS**

**NSN**  
 NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY NETWORK  
A Division of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission



## What is the Lathrup Village Downtown Development Authority?

The Lathrup Village Downtown Development Authority (LVDDA) was initially established by the City of Lathrup Village City Council in January 1998, and the boundaries were expanded in December 1999. The LVDDA boundaries are all public and private real estate along 11 Mile Road, 12 Mile Road, and Southfield Road including public rights-of-way and alleys. Businesses and properties located within these boundaries are automatically included in the LVDDA and cannot opt-out.

As a separate taxing authority within the city, the LVDDA is primarily funded through tax revenue—levying approximately 2 mils on properties located within the district, as well as capturing the increment in property values from when the district was established. The LVDDA is a separate entity from the city overseen by a Board of Directors which is appointed by the Mayor and affirmed by Council.



### Boys 2 Men Youth Mentoring

The DDA would like to thank Mark Watts of Boys 2 Men Youth Mentoring for always keeping Lathrup Village businesses and residents in mind. We can always count on Boys 2 Men to help out in the community as well as put on amazing community events for all to attend! This past summer, the LVDDA partnered up with LVPD, Michigan Works!, and an amazing group of young men to help the seniors of the Adopt-a-Senior Program. It was an absolute success!

They were able to assist with yard maintenance amongst other laboring task too difficult for our Seniors. These services are reserved for Seniors who have little to no family assistance. If you know of any Lathrup Village seniors in need of assistance, please contact the Police Clerk at [policeclerk@lathrupvillage.org](mailto:policeclerk@lathrupvillage.org) for more information.





## LVDDA EVENTS

Despite the cold Michigan weather coming our way, LVDDA is excited to host events for our local businesses and residents. We have been working diligently to provide networking opportunities and resources for those interested in improving their business operations. Some upcoming for the new year include:

**January 18, 2023 (8-10 AM) Economic Vitality Session Utilizing Regional Resources - held at the Oak Park Public Library**

The DDA is partnering with Oak Park, Southfield, and Main Street Oakland County (MSOC) to host an Economic Vitality Session featuring three regional sources for small business financing. Registration will be available on Eventbrite. Contact [bdorsey@lathrupvillage.org](mailto:bdorsey@lathrupvillage.org) for more information.

**March 24, 2023 (6-8 PM) – Fireside Friday**

The DDA will host a fun filled Fireside Friday! Residents will be able to enjoy smores over the fire pit, live music, local food trucks/vendors, a videogame truck, movie projector and more! Don't miss out!

**March 28, 2023 (12-2 PM) – DDA Business Seminar/Panel Discussion**

Small business owners will have an opportunity to network and discuss business related topics led by special guest speakers.

**April 24, 2023 (9-11 AM) – Annie Lathrup Park Cleanup**

Volunteers needed! Sign up to help keep our local parks clean. Please email [Bdorsey@lathrupvillage.org](mailto:Bdorsey@lathrupvillage.org) if you're interested in volunteering!

**May 24, 2023 (6-8 PM) – Mental Health Awareness Seminar**

Join us as we discuss the importance of mental health and taking advantage of the many resources available.

**June 3, 2023 (9-11am) Southfield Road Corridor Clean-Up.**

Please join us in beautifying the Southfield Road Corridor.

More events are being planned so be sure to follow us via the LVDDA Facebook page at "Main Street Lathrup Village" or Instagram at "Downtownlathrup" for updates!



**Volunteers Needed!**

Do you have a passion for great places? Do you want to be a part of helping to transform the Southfield corridor? Are you looking to help out in the city? If so, we have opportunities for you to get involved! Scan the QR to sign up and thank you in advance!

**SCAN HERE TO  
VOLUNTEER IN LV!**



## Transportation of Southfield Seniors (TOSS)



### Transportation of Southfield Seniors (TOSS)

We are excited to announce an expanded partnership with the City of Southfield to provide transportation for Senior residents and permanently physically challenged persons of any age! The Transportation of Southfield Seniors (TOSS), uses lift-equipped vans to transport senior residents (age 50+) who live in Southfield or Lathrup Village.

TOSS provides transportation to and from medical facilities and offices, including Providence and Beaumont facilities, within the geographical areas bounded by Fourteen Mile on the north, Eight Mile on

the south, Coolidge on the east, and Middlebelt on the west. Appointments may be made any time within two weeks of the trips. Appointments for non-medical rides will be accommodated where available. Priority is given to essential appointments.

A dispatcher is available to take calls Monday through Friday 8:30am – 1:30am. A message may be left, but this does not confirm your ride. You must speak to a dispatcher

Call the TOSS Office at (248)796-4658, for more details. The cost \$5 per round trip.

## Snow Removal and Ice Control



Property owners are responsible for snow removal and ice control. **Lathrup Village City Ordinance 381-06** requires property owners and occupants to clear snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property as follows: When snow stops falling during daylight hours, it must be cleared within 12 hours after the snowfall stops.



# Upcoming Senior Citizen Events



## Valentine's Day Luncheon

The City will be hosting a Seniors Valentine's Day Luncheon in the Community Room for ALL Senior citizens on **February 14, 2023 from 12:00-2:00pm**. Lunch will be provided for those 62 and older. Seniors 61 and younger will need to pay for their lunch. Registration and ticket information will be posted in January.



## 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 can attend for free. Seniors 61 and under will need to pay for their ticket to attend. Registration and ticket information will be available as the date draws closer.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND

While every effort was made to restore yards and right-of-way before the winter weather, City Administration is aware that many properties will require additional site restoration work in the spring. If your property requires additional site restoration, please send an email to [ciprojects@lathrupvillage.org](mailto:ciprojects@lathrupvillage.org) with your name, address, description of issue(s), and picture (if possible). This will be added to the spring restoration list.

## 2023 Infrastructure Projects

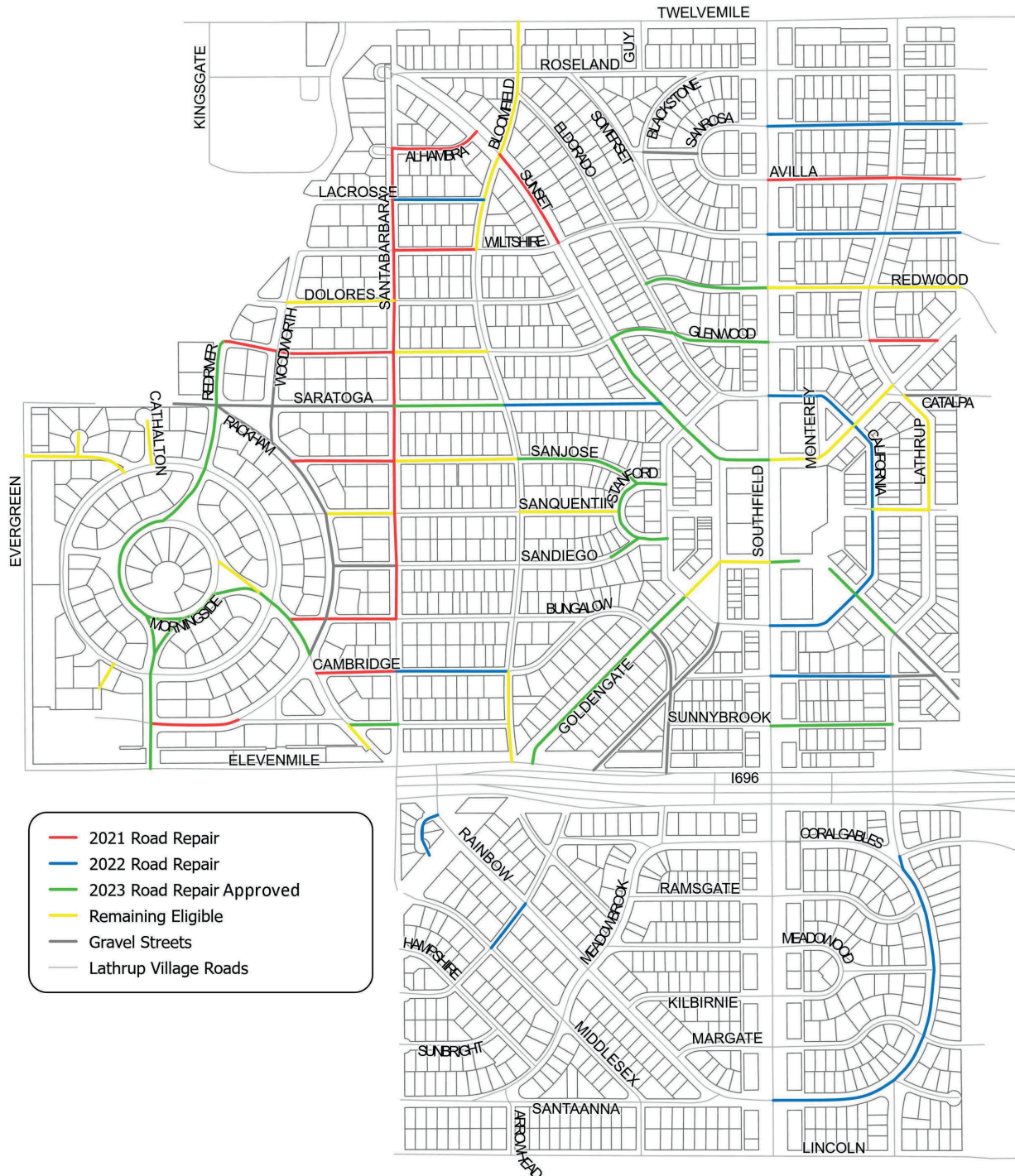


## 2023 PAVEMENT RESURFACING PROGRAM

### Upcoming Work

2023 infrastructure project work is expected to begin in April or May. Residents directly impacted by planned project work will receive notice letters with more information, including rough timeline, prior to work beginning. There is also an infrastructure page on the City's website which has current project year information, as well as an interactive GIS map of the projects which is updated weekly. Last, but by no means least, residents are encouraged to sign-up for the city's weekly e-newsletter. This short, yet informative newsletter goes out every Friday and includes information on upcoming events, projects, and programs in the city.

Visit [www.lathrupvillage.org/residents](http://www.lathrupvillage.org/residents) to sign-up.



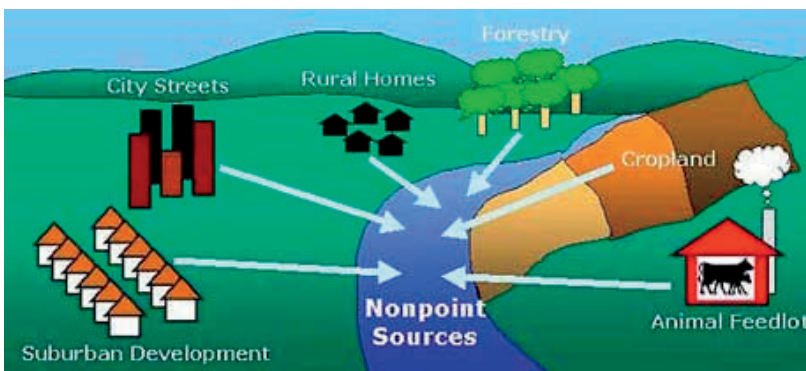


## Managing Nonpoint Source Pollution from Households

Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution is the leading source for water quality degradation in the United States. Nonpoint source pollution is runoff from urban residences, agricultural fields, impervious surfaces, construction activity, and any other over land flow that enters our waterways while accumulating pollutants. Detrimental outcomes such as eutrophication, sedimentation, and contamination can severely affect aquatic and terrestrial habitat in addition to impact drinking water supplies.

- There are several proactive measures a homeowner can take to help reduce the amount of NPS pollutants entering local lakes, streams, and rivers. These preventive measures include:
- Keeping litter, pet waste, and lawn waste out of storm drains.
- Control soil erosion on your property by planting vegetation
- Immediately clean up any oil and grease spills when maintaining your vehicle.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly. Alternatives for chemicals and fertilizers include low phosphorous brands.
- Properly dispose of household chemicals, cleaners, paints, and other hazardous chemicals. Do not dump these harmful chemicals down your drain or any storm sewer.

For more information on nonpoint source pollution, please visit the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) website at [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov).



Source: [noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov)

## Brine instead of Rock Salt to Protect Water Quality!

Salt keeps our communities safe by reducing the number of vehicle accidents, as well as slip and fall accidents. Unfortunately, salt doesn't just disappear when all the snow melts; it is washed into our lakes, rivers, and streams and has an almost immediate effect on water quality. As a homeowner, consider reducing salt use by applying brine, not rock salt, before a snowstorm and shoveling frequently to keep snow from accumulating. This is the best way to save your back and your knees!

Brine, a mixture of salt and water, has become a great alternative to traditional rock salt. The transition to using brine for a homeowner has minimal costs. The brine can be pre-mixed in large quantities and stored in your basement or garage. By spraying brine, you have more control over your application, so you don't apply over the same area twice and it won't bounce off the driveway the way rock salt can. Brine starts working much faster than rock salt due to the increased contact area with the snow. The best method is to apply the brine before a snowstorm begins. Not all communities have transitioned to the use of brine on roads because there is a significant startup cost for additional equipment and storage.

### What you need:

- 1 1/2 gallons hot water
- 3-4 cups rock or table salt
- Bucket
- Sprayer

### Directions:

Combine salt and hot water (which helps dissolve the salt) in bucket until all salt is dissolved completely (so salt chunks don't clog sprayer). Pour mixed brine into sprayer and apply to sidewalk and driveway prior to a snowfall. Each gallon should cover 1,000 square feet of surface (about 200 feet of sidewalk).

## SPRING LANDSCAPING TIPS

Storm drains found in our streets and yards empty into our lakes and rivers. While fertilizer is good for our lawn, it's bad for our water. Fertilizer in our lakes and rivers causes algae to grow. What can you do?

- Sweep or blow fertilizer and grass clippings back onto the lawn and not into the street to prevent them from getting into storm drains and ditches.
- Select a lawn service that uses organic fertilizers or offers a slow-release nitrogen, low or no phosphorus option.
- Don't guess, soil test. A soil test will tell you what, if any, fertilizer is needed in your yard.
- Select an organic or slow-release fertilizer. A slow-release fertilizer is one with at least half of the nitrogen in "water soluble" form.
- Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high – 3 inches is the rule! Tall grass promotes root growth and shades out weeds. Let grass clippings fall back on the lawn.
- Keep fertilizer applications at least 20 feet away from the edge of lakes, streams, or storm drains.



For more information regarding fertilizer, please visit <http://semcog.org/>



Environmentally conscious landscaping practices have the ability to not only make your home beautiful, but also protect the rivers, lakes, and streams within your local watershed. Stormwater from lawns, roofs, and driveways flow through storm drains and end up discharging into the watershed.

- Use rain barrels to collect rainwater for watering gardens to reduce stormwater peak flow runoff.
- Use Earth-Friendly fertilizers which contain a reduced the amount of stormwater pollutants.
- Install a rain garden with native wildflowers to capture stormwater runoff.

## Join the BE KIND Project



[bekindusa.org](http://bekindusa.org)



## 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](http://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](mailto:jagar@ix.netcom.com).



## LATHRUP VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*The Lathrup Village Community Foundation* is partnering with Lighthouse of Oakland County (Food Pantry) and Lathrup Village Police Department (Hat and Gloves) for our annual drives to assist families in need. Donations may be dropped at City Hall.

### PLANNING TOMORROW...TODAY

Details for all activities will be posted in the city's weekly e-newsletter.

**LVCF** will be hosting fundraiser bingo parties and the Summer Concert Series. It was great seeing you on Wednesday evenings this past summer and we ask that you help support the continuation of these free concerts. Giving has been made even easier, just scan the QR Code. If you have already given a gift, we thank you!



## 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](mailto:gruvolo@gmail.com) or 248-224-6700) for more information. We look forward to meeting you!





# LATHRUP VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Since 1992, the Lathrup Village Historical Society has sought to preserve  
Louise Lathrup's "thousand acre garden city."

## Yes, I want to be a member!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (alternate) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Category

\_\_\_\_ Individual: \$20

\_\_\_\_ New

\_\_\_\_ Family: \$25

\_\_\_\_ Renewal

\_\_\_\_ Patron: \$50

\_\_\_\_ I would like to make an additional donation of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Business: \$75

\_\_\_\_ I have items to donate

\_\_\_\_ Life: \$150

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in volunteering

### I am interested in the following activities:

\_\_\_\_ Archives

\_\_\_\_ Oral History

\_\_\_\_ Board Member

\_\_\_\_ Programs

\_\_\_\_ Historical Research

\_\_\_\_ Other

Activities or projects I would like to see the Historical Society promote:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check (payable to the Lathrup Village Historical Society) to

Lathrup Village Historical Society

c/o Becky Curtiss, 27415 Goldengate Dr. W., Lathrup Village, MI 48076

*The Lathrup Village Historical Society is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization.*

<http://lathrupvillagehistoricalsociety.wordpress.com/>

# Spotted Lanternfly Found in Oakland County

Spotted lanternfly is an invasive plant hopper native to eastern Asia. First found in the United States in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania, spotted lanternfly has spread rapidly through the eastern states. Confirmed observations of spotted lanternfly have since been recorded in Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and now Michigan.

“MDARD and MDNR are working with the United States Department of Agriculture to define the extent of the infestation,” said Mike Philip, MDARD’s Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division Director. “Although we can’t pinpoint exactly how it got here, it likely hitchhiked on nursery stock brought in from an infested state and has possibly been here for several months. We are in the assessment stage of response, but it is important to note that typical pest management techniques have not proven effective for eliminating the pest in other states.”

Spotted lanternfly moves easily on firewood, tires, campers, vehicles and more. Prevention and early detection are vital to limiting the spread of spotted lanternfly. If you find a spotted lanternfly egg mass, nymph or adult, take one or more photos, make note of the date, time and location of the sighting, and report it online to the DNR's website Eyes in the Field page for spotted lanternfly. Photos are necessary to verify a report and to aid in identification.

Spotted lanternfly prefers to feed on the invasive tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), but also feeds on a wide range of plants including grapes, and trees such as black walnut, river birch, willow, sumac, and red maple. When feeding, spotted lanternfly produces a sticky liquid, honeydew, that can collect on the ground or surrounding vegetation. This results in the growth of sooty mold, which can discolor and kill plants.

What can you do?

- **Check Your Vehicle:** Before leaving a parking lot or work site, inspect vehicles for spotted lanternfly eggs or insects. Check doors, sides, bumpers, wheel wells, grills, and roofs. If found, destroy any eggs or insects you find.
- **Park with Windows Closed:** The spotted lanternfly and its nymphs can enter vehicles unsuspectedly. When parked, make sure to keep windows closed.
- **Remove and Destroy Pests:** Crush nymphs and adult insects. Scrape egg masses into a plastic bag containing hand sanitizer or rubbing alcohol to kill them.
- **Remove Host Trees:** Spotted lanternflies prefer the ailanthus tree, also known as “tree of heaven.” Try to remove trees from properties to avoid attracting spotted lanternfly.
- **Report Sightings:** Send in required photos to Eyes in the Field. Photos are necessary to verify a report and to aid in identification.



# Identify spotted lanternfly



[www.Michigan.gov/spottedlanternfly](http://www.Michigan.gov/spottedlanternfly)



Adult

- About 1 inch long
- Folded wings are gray to brown with black spots
- Bright red hind wings



Egg mass

- Looks like chewing gum of putty with a waxy coating
- 1.5 inches



Immature

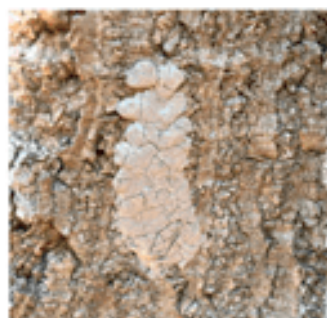
- ¼ to ½ inch long
- Wingless and beetle-like
- White spots

**See it. Squash it. Report it.**

## Check for spotted lanternfly egg masses



[www.Michigan.gov/spottedlanternfly](http://www.Michigan.gov/spottedlanternfly)



- Spotted lanternfly lay eggs from September to December.
- Eggs look like chewing gum with a waxy coating.

### Where to check:

Vehicles

Boats and  
trailers

Camping  
and  
outdoor  
gear

Firewood





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**GROUP #:** COLV

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**MEMBER'S PHONE #**

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[secure.sgrxhealth.com/colv](https://secure.sgrxhealth.com/colv)

