

YOUR TOWN

WINTER/SPRING 2016

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LATHRUP VILLAGE

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As I sit here and contemplate what to include in this message, I am very mindful of the time of year that we are in. The advent of winter brings another year of concerts, fairs, and other activities that we all enjoyed this past summer and fall and, as the holiday season comes to a close, I am reminded that we should be thankful for a beautiful community and our many dedicated and engaged citizens.

I would like to congratulate our newest Council Members, Ian Ferguson and Donna Stallings and thank our outgoing members, Bruce Copus and Allen Weaks, for their service to our community. We are thankful for the many volunteers who serve on our City Council and other Commissions, and especially for those who volunteer to make possible the many community activities we enjoy throughout the year.

In October, the City Council received the annual audit report from Plante Moran and I am also pleased to report that the financial State of your City is indeed good. The City has been properly run and we were able



Mayor Frank Brock

to add to the city's fund balance for the first time in several years. We have seen our home values begin to creep upward and our revenues begin to stabilize. The City Council continues to ensure our annual budget invests our resources wisely and we are able to continue our street replacement program and continued to invest in our other infrastructure needs.

As we move ahead and address the challenges still facing us, I encourage you to visit the City Web Site and stay abreast of our progress. You will also find the Lathrup Village Dashboard there which displays a number of areas

which we are all concerned about. This and our publishing of our Strategic Goals for this year and our progress is part of our continuing efforts at transparency.

I hope that we all continue to remain informed and work for continued improvement in our community.

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CITY HALL CLOSINGS

City Offices will be closed for the holidays on December 24 & 25 and 31, 2015, January 1, 2016, January 18 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), February 15 (Presidents' Day), March 25 (Good Friday) and May 30 (Memorial Day) .

CITY ADMINISTRATOR NEWS

Your City Staff and Administration would like to wish Lathrup Village residents and business owners a safe and happy holiday and a very Happy New Year! I would like to personally thank our dedicated employees for the wonderful job they continue to do day in and day out. I am extremely proud of the dedicated men and women that serve this community.

Start practicing your swing now! The Lathrup Village Community Foundation and Michigan First Credit Union will be hosting their Annual Golf Outing on Monday, June 6, 2016! This year the event will be returning to Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. This is a fun event and a great fundraiser for the Community Foundation. For more information contact me or stay tuned to our City Website at www.lathrupvillage.org.

One of my favorite parts of the winter months in Lathrup Village are the two annual Pancake Breakfasts from the Lathrup Village Homeowners Association and the Lions Club. Not only am I a sucker for maple syrup but they have both a great chance to see neighbors and friends. This year I would like to especially invite our new residents to the both breakfasts. You certainly won't regret it!!

- Homeowners Association- Saturday, January 16th
- Lions Club- Saturday, February 20th

LVTV has new shows! Lathrup's own cable channel has had an active year! The Fall Fest and the Lathrup Stroll have been two of my personal favorites. We have also been inviting community groups to create announcements of upcoming events and do interviews. You can find LVTV on the following stations:

Comcast- Channel 17
AT&T- Channel 99
WoW-Channel 10



*Matthew Baumgarten
City Administrator*

Lathrup Village Apparel



ON SALE NOW!
At City Hall

CLERK'S CORNER

Council Meetings

Study sessions: 6:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month

Regular meetings: 7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday of the month

You are always welcome to attend. You can also watch recorded meetings on Cable 17. Council minutes are available for public review at the City Office.

Building Permits

Before committing to work on your home, check to see if the contractor is licensed and has applied for a building permit.

To ensure that the building inspector approves the work, you also need a permit for work that you perform. Permits are required but not limited to:

- Building additions
- Decks
- Storage sheds
- Roofs
- Fences
- Swimming pools
- Electrical/heating/plumbing work

If you are not sure you need a permit, call the City Office.

New in Town?

Welcome, and please register to vote in Lathrup Village. You can do this at the Secretary of State Office or the City Office. For information regarding registration, call the City Clerk's Office at 248.557.2600, x226.

Voter Information Center

The State of Michigan recently introduced the new Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC). The MVIC website provides information about:

- Registration status
- Upcoming elections
- City clerk information
- How to use voting equipment, and more.



Yvette Talley
City Clerk

Pet Licenses

- The City requires licenses for all cats and dogs. You can obtain licenses at the City Office or by mail (see application below).
- Licenses are available for \$11.00 Pet owners will need current rabies shot information to obtain a pet license.

Reminders:

- Keep your pet in your yard or on a leash; clean up after your pet.
- To report a pet running loose, call 911 for immediate assistance. It helps if you know where the animal lives. Your report will be kept in strictest confidence.

City of Lathrup Village Animal License Application
I am applying for **2016** license, which will expire February 28, **2017**

Owner: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Pet Name: _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____ Age: _____

Dog___ Cat___ Male___ Female___ Spayed___ Neutered___

I have enclosed proof of my pet's current rabies inoculation (required) _____

I have enclosed a check (payable to the City of Lathrup Village) for \$ _____

License Fee: Before March 1, \$6.00; on or after March 1, \$11.00

Upon compliance with the Dog/Cat Law of 1919, all amendments thereto, and the animal ordinance of the City of Lathrup Village, it is unlawful for any person to own or harbor more than three cats or dogs. It is the duty of the owner to control, confine, fence, or leash to prevent a pet from running loose upon any property other than that of the owner, and to keep the rabies vaccination current. **It is the owner's responsibility to clean up after a pet.**

ELECTION NEWS

Presidential Primary Election – Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Close of Registration for the March 8th Election is February 8, 2016

Absent voter applications are available in City Clerk's Office or online at www.michigan.gov/vote

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots for the March 8th Election should be available after January 23, 2016

Please contact the City Clerk's Office for information at 248-557-2600, ext 226.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

AUGUST MEETING

Approval to renew Property & Liability Coverage

Adoption of an extension of the Contract for Sewer Repairs

Approval of two Dump Trucks

Approval of the 2015 Marketing Strategy

Clerk's Corner Continued...

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Approved a contract to redesign the City's Website
Approved an agreement with Tatiana Kitlak for dance instruction
Approved an agreement with Christina Hamm for dance instruction
Approved an agreement with Jen Hendrickson for dance instruction
Approved the appointment to the SOCRRA and SOCWA Board of Directors
Approved appointments to a Medical Marijuana Ordinance Sub-committee
Approved an extension of a moratorium on Marijuana dispensaries'
Approved a moratorium on Adult Day Care Facilities

OCTOBER MEETING

Approved the 2015-16 Audit
Approved the contract with the City of Ferndale for Leaf Collection
Approved the candidates for the MML Property and Liability Pool
Approved the amendment to the Off Street Parking Ordinance
Approved the amendment to the Mobile Food Vending Ordinance
Approved an update to the Lathrup Village Fee Schedule

***Approved minutes are available on the City's website at www.lathrupvillage.org.**

DISTRICTS FOR LATHRUP VILLAGE:

| <u>Elected Official</u> | <u>Phone</u> | <u>Office</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Gary Peters | (248) 608-8040 | United States Senator |
| Debbie Stabenow | (231) 929-1031 | United States Senator |
| Brenda Lawrence | (248) 356-2052 | Representative in Congress #14 |
| Vincent Gregory | (517) 373 7888 | State Senate District #11 |
| Jeremy Moss | (517) 373-1788 | Representative in State #35 |
| Nancy Quarles | (248) 858-0100 | County Commissioner District #17 |

OAKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY & HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Home improvements can seem out of reach due to inflation, high interest rates and the rising cost of construction, Oakland County Community & Home Improvement (OCCHI) loan program provides home improvement for eligible residents.

To obtain information contact OCCHI 248 -858-5311 or the City Clerk's office, 248-557-2600, ext. 226 to have an application mailed.

Free Weatherization Program

- Must meet federal income guidelines
- Must be Oakland County resident

WATER DEPARTMENT

Attention:

Direct payment of your water bill is available! Please sign up today, by completing a Direct Payment Enrollment form at City Hall.

Reminders:

If you have a delinquent water bill after October 31, the amount you owe as of that date will be placed on the 2016 Special Assessment Roll. (You may make full or partial payment after that date). Any unpaid delinquent amount as of February 28, 2016 plus a 10% administrative fee will be reflected on your summer property tax bill.

If you are leaving this beautiful community please call the Water Department at (248) 557-2600 ext. 221 for a final reading of your water meter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Arron Carlton at (248) 557-2600 ext. 221. All questions will be addressed in a timely manner.



Arron Carlton
Water Department and Utility Billing

Black History Celebration Event

"Something or The Soul"

An exhibit of African inspired dolls by doll artist Michele Sapp. The role of dolls in the expression of culture and creativity.

Date: Sunday February 28, 2016

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Lathrup Village Community Room.

Cost: **FREE**

LATHRUP VILLAGE'S NEW HIRE TO "REFRESH" MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Lathrup Village is an associate member of Main Street Oakland County, the regional arm of the Washington-based National Main Street Center. The program's aim is to revitalize and rejuvenate local commercial districts (think Southfield Road) by galvanizing and combining the grassroots efforts of residents, business owners and local officials.

With Main Street Oakland County's gentle guidance, Lathrup Village's Main Street program strives to reach its goal by taking small but steady steps, embracing the concept that (to use National Main Street Center's phrase) "big-fix overnight solutions to downtown revitalization almost always fail."

Hired in September, Ken Marten is Lathrup Village's newest employee. Like all city employees, Ken has several responsibilities. One of his is managing Lathrup Village's Main Street program.



Ken Martin
Main Street Manager

The timing of Ken's hiring proved to be serendipitous. In late October, the National Main Street Center announced what it describes as the "Four Point Refresh." In general, this is a shift in the program's focus to "community transformation strategies" and direct efforts toward outcomes with "meaningful, long-term change." Because Ken is new to both the city and the program, it's fortuitous that the refresh will occur before he became entrenched in the former Main Street structure. Moreover, this may be an opportunity to combine the goals of the city's newly-granted Redevelopment Ready Community certification with the "refresh."

Over the next few months, Main Street Oakland County will assist Lathrup Village with its refresh transition through a series of meetings and seminars. It's anticipated that a general meeting with current and potential Lathrup Village participants will be held in January or February at the latest, where the four-point refresh will be fully explained and officially launched.

In the meantime, we ask residents to welcome Ken to the Lathrup Village family. His other responsibilities include customer service, building department scheduling and permitting, and administrative assistance.

MEDC'S REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM CERTIFIES LATHRUP VILLAGE

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) on Friday, November 6, announced that the city of Lathrup Village is the fourth community to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities® (RRC) certification. Mayor Frank Brock and City Administrator Matt Baumgarten accepted the certification at a special ceremony at City Hall attended by residents, elected officials and MEDC staff.

RRC is a voluntary, no-cost program that assists municipalities in establishing a sound foundation for development and investment to occur in their communities.



"Gaining RRC certification guarantees that we have the tools to achieve our vision of Lathrup Village's future. Our goal for redevelopment is to reinvent our aging, but respectable commercial district in a manner that reflects the quality of our neighborhoods," said Lathrup Village City Administrator Matt Baumgarten. "Potential investors will find that Lathrup Village embodies the best practices in redevelopment strategies through clear and efficient approval processes."

RRC Program participants receive a comprehensive assessment measuring their community and economic development practices to the RRC best practice standards. The program evaluates and certifies communities that integrate transparency, predictability and efficiency into development practices. Certification signals that development barriers have been removed and processes streamlined to be competitive in today's economy.

"Communities that receive RRC certification have removed unnecessary hurdles to development, while preserving their vision and goals for a successful future," said MEDC Chief Operating Officer Jennifer Nelson. "We congratulate Lathrup Village for being the fourth community in Michigan to achieve this certification and for working to make its community a vibrant place where business and talent want to be."

For more information on the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, visit <http://www.michiganbusiness.org/community/development-assistance/#rrc>.

CITY TREASURER

From Your Treasurer

Winter Taxes:

Winter tax bills were mailed around December 1st. If you have made changes to your escrow company, please notify us at 248.557.2600, x227 to make sure your tax bill is mailed to the correct place.

You can pay your taxes at: The City Offices on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. (Please see Reminder of Dates we will be closed for Holidays)

The Silver payment box on the north side of the Municipal Building can be used when offices are closed.

Online at www.lathrupvillage.org by credit card. (There are additional charges when using credit cards)

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

Please note the following important dates and facts:

- You have until February 14, 2016 to pay your 2015 winter taxes without penalty at the city office.
- After February 14, a 3% penalty will be added to the taxes, which can be paid at the City office until February 28, 2016.
- On March 1, unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Oakland County Treasurer Andrew E. Meisner. If you have outstanding taxes please call 248.557.2600, x227 for a revised tax bill.
- Delinquent special assessments will be added to the 2016 summer tax bills if not paid by February 28, 2016.
- Your 2016 summer tax bills will be mailed out the first week of July.

BOARD OF REVIEW

March 2016

Date/Time TBA

See LTV or visit: www.lathrupvillage.org



*Pamela Bratschi
City Treasurer
treasurer@lathrupvillage.org*

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PUBLIC SAFETY



*A Message from the
Lathrup Village Police
Department*

Hello everyone,

This time of year, we tend to notice an increase in larceny from automobiles. Most of this can be prevented by following a few simple steps. Make sure to lock your car doors and roll up your windows.

Don't leave valuables in plain sight. If you don't remove the valuables from the vehicle, cover them up or place them in the trunk of the vehicle.

Try and park in a well lit area and as always, get to know your neighbors and watch out for one another.

Most of these tips apply to your home also:

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your home, even if just for a short period of time.

Don't put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows.

Don't advertise what you got for Christmas by putting the boxes out on trash day. Break down the boxes or take them to a dump yourself.

Also beware of scams trying to steal your money.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you have any questions regarding scams, please feel free to contact the police department.

Thank you,

William Armstrong, Chief of Police



*William Armstrong
Chief of Police
policechief@lathrupvillage.org*

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

For emergencies, call 911

27400 Southfield Rd
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

Administration Phone Number: (248) 557-3600

Non-Emergency Dispatch Phone Number:
248-354-1010

Fax Number: (248) 569-2529

Police Administration Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

April 2016 Bin Blitz



During April the City of Lathrup Village offers recycling bins for half the regular price! Pick up your \$6.00 bin at the City Offices. We encourage recycling and you are welcome to fill as many recycling bins as you are able!

If you need any recycling information, please contact us at the City Office and we will be glad to share great recycling tips with you or visit www.socrra.org.

Spring Cleaning? Check out our Handy Disposal Guide for Outdoor Items...

| What | How | When | Where |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| Long Branches | Place Cut side toward the street. Make sure Branch is between 4 and 14ft. Branch must be less than 6in. in diameter. | Fridays | Curbside (Year Round) |
| Short Branches | Bundle branches or logs that are too short to be chipped. | Fridays | Curbside (After April 8 th) |
| Yard Waste | Place yard waste (excluding grass) in paper bags or in open plastic containers for pickup | Fridays (Through December) | Curbside (After April 8 th) |
| Grass Clippings | Grass is not collected. We encourage you to "Let the clips fall where they may." | Anytime | Your Lawn |
| | | | |

And our Handy Disposal Guide for Indoor Items...

| What | How | When | Where |
|---|--|--|------------------------------------|
| CDs, DVDs, videotapes, floppy discs and cassettes | Place in designated containers in "Discs & Tapes" shed. Please remove discs from plastic cases and place in separate containers at the Center. | Mon - Fri 7am – 6pm Saturday 7am – 2pm. | SOCRRA's Recycling Drop-Off Center |
| Hardcover books | Place in "Hardcover Books" shed. | Same | SOCRRA's Recycling Drop-Off Center |
| Large batteries | Batteries from cars, motorcycles, boats, golf carts, lawn mowers, etc. See Household Waste attendant at the site | Same | SOCRRA's Recycling Drop-Off Center |
| Plastic bags | Clean, empty plastic bags from a grocery store, drugstore, or dry cleaner. Can be placed in the "Plastic Bag" shed. | Same | SOCRRA's Recycling Drop-Off Center |
| Clothing, shoes, blankets and toys | SOCRRA has two IICD Clothes Collection Bins on site. Bring in your used clothing, shoes, blankets and toys and drop in the blue bins. | Same | SOCRRA's Recycling Drop-Off Center |

Need More Information?

SOCRRA (248) 288-5150
Tringali Sanitation (248) 585-9120
Water Questions (248) 557-2600 ext. 221

Please report conditions that need attention, such as roads, signs, leaking fire hydrants, parks, trees, etc. Call 248.557.2600, x225 or visit our website at www.lathrupvillage.org for the latest news.

Talkin' Trash

Each Friday is collection day for the whole City of Lathrup Village. Trash and Recyclables are both collected by Tringali Sanitation. Cans/bins must be placed at the curb between 4:00pm on Thursdays and 7:00am on Fridays. Once a truck has visited a home its schedule will not allow it to return. Bulk Pickup occurs along with regular collection and is free of charge to residents. Items like refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, etc can all be placed at the curb for pick up free of charge! Recyclables can also be dropped off Free at the SOCRRA Facility on Coolidge north of 14 mile across from the Meijer Store. For more information on what you can bring to SOCRRA visit their website at www.socrra.org. Some items that are not collected at the curb will be accepted at this facility. For questions about collection and scheduling extra pickups call Tringali Sanitation at (248) 585-9120

Special Collection Dates

| Holiday | Date Observed | Lathrup Trash Collection |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Christmas Eve | Thursday, Dec. 24th | Saturday, December 26, 2015 |
| New Years Day | Friday, January 1, 2016 | Saturday, January 2, 2016 |
| First day of Yard Waste Collection | | Friday, April 8, 2016 |
| Memorial Day | Monday, May 30, 2016 | Saturday, June 4, 2016 |

Here comes the Plow Trucks!

- ☐ **TRASH CONTAINERS ARE AWAY FORM THE ROAD-** We try our best to avoid it but sometimes our plow trucks push snow onto trash containers. This is avoided when containers are placed away from the street and removed promptly after trash is collected.
- ☐ **ROAD SHARING-** You can count on your Department of Public Service to be out plowing snow when the time comes. Sometimes, in order to best move the snow off the road, our trucks have to drive on the wrong side of the road. We are very grateful for your patience as we make our way down each road.

Yard Waste Drop Off

Yard waste including leaves, flowers, plants, weeds, pine needles, potting soil, brush clippings, and twigs can be dropped off at the SOCRRA Transfer Station on Coolidge (across from the Meijer) during regular business hours (8:00- 4:00 Weekdays and 8:00- noon on Saturdays). SOCRRA will accept these items until April. Please note yard waste will not be picked up on Fridays until mid-April.

Free Christmas Tree Chipping

Christmas Trees will be chipped along with your branches. Simply place your tree at the curb and it will be chipped the following Friday. **FREE OF CHARGE AND NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!**

Keep Your Groundwater Clean

Winter brings fun activities, like sledding, ice skating, and skiing. But winter also means mounds of snow to shovel and layers of ice to remove from sidewalks and driveways. We often make the job easier by applying deicers like salt. Besides salt, many deicers also contain chemicals like cyanide. When ice melts, the salts and chemicals dissolve and flow into street drains that lead directly to the Rouge River, endangering aquatic life. You can help reduce pollution of the Rouge by following these simple tips:

- ☐ **Use an alternative-** Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) has fewer adverse environmental impacts than salt and doesn't cause corrosion. Although CMA is more expensive than salt, it is recommended for environmentally sensitive areas.
- ☐ **Reduce your salt use-** By limiting the amount of salt we use on sidewalks and driveways, we can reduce the amount of polluted storm water washing into our waterways.
- ☐ **Limit access-** Limit access to your home to one entrance. For every doorway you do not use, there will be less salt running into the catch basin in your street.
- ☐ **Clean Culvert-** Ditches and culverts are free of debris like sticks and autumn leaves. These will stop the flow of water as the snow begins to fall and (eventually) melt causing your yard to flood.

RECREATION

Breakfast With The Bunny

Mark your calendar for the true sign of spring:

Breakfast With The Bunny!

Saturday March 19, 2016.

9:30 am – 11:30 am (ish)

Ticket: \$7/person

Tickets will be available February 1, 2016, and include breakfast, keepsake photo, goody bag and of course the EGG HUNT!

Kids need to bring their own basket or bag please.

No tickets will be available at the door

Senior Spring Tea

Tuesday May 10, 2016

12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Cost :\$15/person

Celebrate the arrival of Spring with a festive tea among new and old friends!

Ticket includes:

An assortment of soup, salad, savories, and sweets.

Leave with your very own hand crafted Therapeutic bath salts

courtesy of

Healthy Traditions Network!

Deadline to register:

Friday May 6, 2016



*Maralee Rosemond
Recreation Coordinator
recreation@lathrupvillage.org*

Healthy Traditions Network Workshops

Healthy Traditions Network is pleased to present a workshop on:

Nutrient-Dense Condiments, Sauces, Dressings & Marinades

Date: Tuesday May 17, 2016

7pm-9pm

Cost: \$10/person

Pre-registration is necessary. No payments at the door. Learn to make condiments, dressings and marinades with raw ingredients that provide your body with healthy, live enzymes. Commercial products have been pasteurized and the vital enzymes have been destroyed, not to mention contaminated with toxic additives. Heated sauces provide the hydrophilic colloids which contribute to the digestibility, both of the sauce and the dish it accompanies.

Enjoy samples, recipes and access to cookbooks, educational material and organic products to get you on your way to better health!

Detoxification: Natural Body Cleansing

Date: April TBD

Time : 7 pm – 9pm

Cost :\$20/person

Pre-registration necessary. No payments at the door.

Dr. Richard Ng, from the Center For Holistic Medicine in West Bloomfield, is a specialist at in holistic medicine, sports medicine, acupuncture, nutritional medicine, natural hormones, strength training and conditioning. Dr. Ng will share his vast knowledge on detoxing your body naturally. Be enlightened by the knowledge of this highly recognized Holistic MD. Enjoy access to cookbooks, educational material and organic products to get you on your way to better health!

FREE Lathrup Lecture Series

Our monthly lecture series continues to be a favorite here in Lathrup Village. We are continuing the same format for the January – May 2016 season. All presentations will be held in the community room. Light refreshments from 10 am – 10:30 am. Presentation starting at 10:30 am.

January

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Join Ed Blondin as he presents: **Steeped In History Camilia Sinesis** – That's the plant that began it all!

Today, Tea is the second most popular beverage in the world preceded by water and followed by beer! Ed Blondin travels back to Ancient China and leads the group through India, into

PAGE 14 Europe and across the Atlantic, tracking how tea was exported and

universally adopted as a thirst quencher. This lecture is illustrated through power point and participants will have the opportunity to taste White, Green, Black, Oolong as well as other herbal teas.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday February 9, 2016

The DIA presents:

In Our Own Voice: African American Art

Heighten awareness of the creative contributions of African Americans from the 19th century through to present day. This talk provides a lens through which to explore issues of race, gender, politics, and culture.

March

Tuesday March 15, 2016

Armando Delicato re-joins us with the presentation from his book: **Detroit's Corktown**. Originally settled by Irish immigrants in the 1830s, Corktown is Detroit's oldest continuously residential neighborhood. Corktown has always been a working class community of modest houses, many of which are still in use in the 21st Century. While the Irish predominated during most of the first century, other ethnic groups also were part of the community. Many Germans, Scots, and English immigrants settled there followed by Maltese and Mexican immigrants in the early 20th Century. The community has been identified with several important institutions over the years including Tiger Stadium, Michigan Central Station, Union Station, the docks at the Detroit River and others. Corktown's unique position in Detroit is a beacon toward the future. Its diversity, low crime rate, and attractive housing are a pattern for the rest of the city to emulate.

APRIL

Tuesday April 12, 2016

The DIA is with us again to present: **In the Garden**

Throughout time, humans have found that images of gardens and animals are a source of enjoyment and comfort. You may be surprised to learn the hidden meanings and symbolism behind some of the most beloved images in the DIAs collection.

MAY

Tuesday May 17, 2016

The DIA presents: **VOGUE**.

Throughout history, humans have used fashion, jewelry and body art as a form of personal expression and cultural identity. Through exploring select objects in the DIAs collection you may be surprised by what you learn!

Volunteers Needed

The City of Lathrup Village is proud of the numerous community events and programs that we have here throughout the year. These events could not happen effectively or safely without the assistance of the many volunteers who value these activities as well.

Won't you please take a moment to see if you have a few hours to spare throughout the year to help make the events in your community continue to be the best that they can be?

A few areas that are on the immediate horizon:
Senior Spring Tea: May 10, 2016 ** assist in serving food and beverages
Senior Summer BBQ: July 12, 2016 ** assist in serving food and beverages

Summer In The Village:

Friday June 17 for set up assistance

Saturday June 18 numerous opportunities from 7 am – 9 pm

** please visit: www.summerinthevillage.com

to download the volunteer job positions and description to look over your interests.

Call Maralee Rosemond at 248-557-2600 Ext. 224 or email at recreation@lathrupvillage.org

Thank you for your support and participation!

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the City of Lathrup Village, and the Recreation Department we would like to thank the following groups for their generous support of their time and participation in our numerous community events, activities and programs:

Lathrup Village Community Foundation • Lathrup Village Homeowners Association • Lathrup Village Lions Club • Lathrup Village DDA • Michigan First Credit Union • Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan • DTE Foundation • Home Depot of Southfield • Fortson Dentistry • The Surnow Company • Oakland County Parks • The Lunch Café of Berkley • Lathrup Village Girl Scouts Troop 74841 • your city staff • the many volunteers (over 60 of you!) that took time out to ensure a fun and safe environment for your families to enjoy the many events that we have here in our community.

A special mention of some pretty remarkable individuals that spent many, many hours assisting in the the farmers market that met for 22 Wednesday's June through October! They are Nancy Hatcher, Anna Thompson, Audrey Grosman, Shaun Gardner, Loretta Danforth and Beth Schneider.

Thank you all for contributing to the town that we call HOME.

Lathrup Village Farmers Market

Our Lathrup Village Farmers Market continues to grow every year with the addition of new Vendors and an increase in shoppers like you! The up-coming outdoor market 2016 season will begin on May 18, 2016 and run through October 19, 2016. At the request of numerous shoppers, there will be the addition of an **INDOOR MARKET** that will run on Wednesday's in our community room from October 26 through December 14, 2016! Additional marketing materials and reminders will be given out at the outdoor market to keep you up to date!

Lathrup Studio Dance

2nd session to begin January 19, 2016 through May 13, 2016.
Call the Recreation Department for the complete schedule.

DREAMGIRLS

This smash Broadway sensation captures the spirit and hope of Motown when a '60's female trio from Chicago become music superstars. The girls learn hard lessons about love, redemption and the seamier side of show-biz. Sizzling with glitz, passion and an exhilarating score with the showstoppers "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" and "One Night Only," Dreamgirls celebrates the richness of American music.

Thursday June 9, 2016
Show time: 8 pm
Rows K & L Center
\$22/person. Dinner on your own at The Oak City Grill
Bus leaves at : 5:30 pm



Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia share a quiet life in their childhood home in rural Pennsylvania. Their lives are thrown into a tizzy when their fading movie star sister, Masha, swoops in unannounced with her new boy toy, Spike. So begins an unforgettable weekend of resentments, rivalry and regrets. This sassy new comedy spins family dynamics on its head and takes the audience on a wild ride!

Running Time: approximately 2 hrs 30 min
Thursday April 21, 2016
Show Time : 8 pm
Rows H&J Center
\$20/person. Dinner on your own at the Spice of Thai Express.
Bus leaves at : 5:30 pm

Avenue Q

This laugh-out-loud musical satire, Sesame Street for grown-ups, is part flesh, part felt and packed with heart! Recent college grad, Princeton, moves into a shabby New York apartment way out on Avenue Q. He discovers this not an ordinary neighborhood – people and colorful puppets are the residents. Princeton and his new friends struggle with adult issues as they seek their ever-elusive purpose in life.

Running Time: approximately 2 hrs 30 min
Saturday January 30, 2016
\$24/person
Rows B & C Center
Show Time 2:00 pm
Bus leaves at 11:45 am
Lunch on your own at: Lilly's Seafood Restaurant.



**Fitness Classes Being Offered by
One Life Fitness, LLC**

In your area!



At Lathrup Village Municipal Building

27400 Southfield Rd, Lathrup Village (Off I-696)

8-Week Winter Session (Jan 11 – Mar 5, 2016)

| Class Type | Dates | Days | Time | What to Bring |
|---|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| *Heart Smart Fitness (SS/Flex) | Jan 11 – Mar 4 | Mon, Wed & Fri | 10:15 - 11:15 AM | Light Weights and Resistance Bands w/Handles |
| Yoga (SS/Flex) | Jan 12 – Mar 3 | Tue & Thu | 10:30 – 11:30 AM | Mat & Towel |
| Zumba | Jan 13 – Mar 5 | Wed & Sat | 6:30 – 7:30 PM (Wed) 11:30 – 12:30 PM (Sat) | NA |
| Cardio Kick & Tone | Jan 16 – Mar 5 | Sat | 12:30 – 1:30 PM (Sat) | Mat & Light Weights |
| *No class Jan 18th (MLK Day) & Feb 15th (Presidents Day). Makeup days will be held at the end of the session. Must have a minimum of 10 participants registered in each class. | | | | |

\$45 for one class/week (8-weeks/8 classes)

\$80 for two classes/week 8-weeks/16 classes)

\$115 for three classes/week (8-weeks/24 classes)

\$135 for four classes/week 8-weeks/32 classes.

Less than \$5/class!!!



Heart Smart Fitness: Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises. This low-impact class is designed to increase muscular strength, range of motion, balance, cardiovascular endurance and your overall physical activity. This class can be done seated or standing depending on your level of fitness. Movements in this class can be modified just for you and your fitness level!



Yoga: Work through a flowing sequence of yoga postures. As you stretch, breathe, and meditate, you will bring an inner awareness of peace and balance to your body, mind and spirit and enjoy the presence of being. This class focuses on stretching, flexibility, muscle control, proper breathing techniques and relaxation. This class will tone your muscles and enhance your overall fitness level. This class can be done in a chair based on your fitness/comfort level.



Class Description: Fitness has never been so fun! This class is a Total Body Workout with its combination of non-stop hip swiveling, shoulder-shimmying and fabulous footwork. You'll torch fat and burn calories, whittle your middle and sculpt your hips, rear and thighs. You'll be so busy strutting your stuff, you'll forget you're actually exercising!



Cardio Kick & Tone: A cardio and toning workout in one! Join us for an energizing and fun class that incorporates elements of high- and low-impact aerobics, cardio kickboxing, toning and ab work for a total body workout! You will burn fat, improve balance and flexibility, sculpt, shape, and increase muscle tone, all in a friendly, social environment. All fitness levels are welcome.

Registration: Register Now! Contact Maralee with the Lathrup Village Recreation Department at (248) 557-2600 ext. 224 to register or recreation@lathrupvillage.org. Feel free to contact LaReina with One Life Fitness @248-361-3791 (text) or onelifefitness@gmail.com with any program questions or to be added to our class notification list! There is a \$5 non-resident fee per session (8-weeks) if you are not a Lathrup Village resident. *Class days and times are subject to change.*

Russian Ballet Academy

Classical Ballet Lessons



Classical Ballet lessons for children and adults
Ages 4 and up

- Easy enrollment any time during school year
- Pointe, Pre-pointe classes
- Stretch, conditioning and Flore barre
- Sunday classes
- Rhythmic gymnastics class for beginners
- Small class sizes, limited enrollment, personal attention

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Artistic director Mrs. Tatiana Kitlak

"No one can arrive from being talented alone. God gives talent, work transforms talent into genius."

Anna Pavlova



LATHRUP VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NEWS



LATHRUP VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Lathrup Village is a fabulous, friendly community, with so much to offer. While we pride ourselves on having a well-managed community, we know our city government can't provide all the things we have come to enjoy as part of our community. For example, did you know **no** taxpayer dollars are spent providing us with the annual "summer concerts in the park" that have become so popular not only with city residents, but also bring in concert goers from across the region, and serve as one of the city's strongest marketing assets. Lathrup's popular and vital summer concerts would not be possible without funding from the Lathrup Village Community Foundation.

In addition, the Community Foundations supports other important events in Lathrup, such as the growing "Summer in the Village" which each year draws increasing numbers of artists and others from across the region, and bigger and bigger crowds who are exposed to Lathrup's shops, restaurants, business district, as well as its housing stock and charm. Events such as these are vital to maintaining the quality of life we have all enjoyed, and which continue to make Lathrup Village a desirable place to live.

The Community Foundation also provides necessary funding for city beautification

projects, spring and summer flowers around the municipal building, as well as gateway welcoming signs.

Please support the important work of the Foundation by becoming a member today! Or consider joining our Board -- we are currently looking to add board members from each of the city's districts. Please get more information at our website: lathrupcommunity.org

LATHRUP VILLAGE CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Children's Garden Membership Information

We hope you and your family have had the opportunity to explore your Children's Garden. We are very proud of the garden. It is a place where children and adults of all ages can connect with the wonders of nature. Since its inception in 2001, our organization has had more than 175 programs and activities. We continue to add plants and hardscape to update the garden as well as making it an interactive place for children to learn.

We need your help! Join our mission to continue to improve, maintain and preserve our beautiful gem, the Lathrup Village Children's Garden. The annual membership dues are just \$25 per family. As a valued member, you will receive information regarding our activities, as well as free admission or member discounts for all of our events. We are now a 501(c)(3) organization. Donate to the Children's Garden by making your check payable to Lathrup Village Children's Garden.

Send to:

LVCG c/o City of Lathrup Village
27400 Southfield Rd.
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

Children's Garden Continued...

For your convenience you can now use PayPal for your membership or to make a donation. For more information contact us at lvcginfo@gmail.com, visit our website at www.lvchildrensgarden.org and/or friend us on Facebook.

LATHRUP VILLAGE PRESERVE

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin"
~W Shakespeare

Native Peoples have always believed, as Chief Seattle succinctly put it, "All land is Holy Land." The Dine/Navajo speak of "Walking in Beauty" which is a blessing that one find a balance with all things. Such balance brings understanding, compassion and harmony within and between all. Friends of the Village Preserve have been working arduously to restore a sense of balance within the preserve. It is with this intention that the property was smudged and tobacco offerings made before we picked up our first shovel or saw. The soil had become very disturbed from invasive plants and trees. The violent eruption that destroyed the Lathrup family house, once settled, opened up the possibility of renewal and healing.

"May the relationship between man and nature not be driven by greed, to manipulate and exploit, but may the divine harmony between beings and creation be conserved in the logic of respect and care." This is one of the many comments of the Catholic Pope Francis as he's instructed his people that everyone is responsible for healing the earth.

"In the Koran, God asks of humans to acknowledge the beauty and mighty creation

of the Earth, the oceans and open sky. There are numerous references of how humans should interact and behave towards nature. There is a constant reminder that our well-being is dependent on Earth, it's resources and vegetation," reports Beata Alghabra. Tikkun 'olam , the repairing of the world, has become a major theme in modern Jewish social justice theology. It is usually expressed as an activity, which must be done by humans in partnership with G_d. "In our ignorance and greed, we have damaged the world and silenced many of the voices of the choir of Creation. Now we must fix it. There is no one else to repair it but us." Rabbi Lawrence Troster. According to Faiths & Ecology, "Buddhist practice makes one feel one's existence is no more important than anyone else's. If one treats nature as a friend and teacher, one can be in harmony with other creatures and appreciate the interconnectedness of all that lives." Truly, when we bring our energies together for our love of nature and creation, healing can and will occur. For whatever inspires you to lend a hand, we would be most grateful to have your help during our work weekends in the upcoming spring and summer! We hope to post days to Buckthorn Bust over the winter so please sign up for our emails to stay updated. Do check us out on Facebook. The weekend of April 23/24 will see us returning to the statewide effort of the annual spring Garlic Mustard Pull. Saturday from 9am-noon. Sunday noon -3pm. Please RSVP for work dates and/or for more info: sfjinlv@aol.com

We are also seeking volunteers to join our Board to work on areas of grant writing, seeking donations, and recruiting volunteers while assisting our vision.

Lathrup Village Lions Club

Happy New Year! 2016 brings us to new meetings and another "Pancakes for Penrickton". Date: sat. Feb 20, 9 -11 in the Lathrup Community Room. Penrickton center for blind children is one of the charities we support. They are a unique, private non-profit agency providing five- day residential, day-care & consultation services to blind & multi-disabled children ages 1-12. Check them out on-line! Be sure to join us for our Annual Breakfast! Tickets will be at city hall, or give Lion Dick Maxwell a call at 248-642-9561. Better yet, come and visit us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays up in the meeting room. 6:30 chit-chat time and meeting starts at 7.

Looking forward to having you. Give Lion Dick a call!

Prez. Nancy Maxwell

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Lathrup Village Women's Club began it's 77th year with its Annual Picnic in September. The club is trying to accommodate all members with a new calendar and new events. This year we have a Committee which meets to plan or schedule our activities; any member is welcome to join the committee as it meets at various times during the year. At the last meeting in October, Mary Anne Smyth, Nancy Bauer, Dorothy Wright, Mary Yantus and Betty Anne Stone comprised the committee. Please speak to any of these members if you would like to be included in the next meeting.

December 7th was the first of a Party Meeting for members and guests; we did not have a Holly Luncheon. We kept the charitable theme by donating warm winter togs to the children of the Army Reserve group stationed in Southfield. Special refreshments, music and games with small prizes replaced the usual luncheon, raffle, door prizes and money trees. It was a change but it was also a fun and festive afternoon.

There are NO MEETINGS planned in January or February. The weather is usually too cold, too snowy or too icy! They are our «weather days».

Monday, March 7 the club will meet at 12 Noon for a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon meeting. Each member is asked to bring a (delicious!) sandwich cut in quarters to be shared with others. Four members will create different soups for all. Dessert and beverages will be supplied. Last year this was a popular meeting

There is no April Meeting. Enjoy a Spring Day!

May 2 at 12:30 we will meet for special recognition of the club's Past Presidents. Plans for the June Luncheon at Plum Hollow will be discussed. The date has not been announced at this time.

The June Luncheon at Plum Hollow will complete our club year until we meet again in September. Have a wonderful, healthy summer and consider meeting with the Committee during the next few months for future plans and new ideas. Prospective new members are urged to come and visit any meeting. We hope our activities will be of interest to you.

Lathrup Village TimeBank:

More Ways to Use Your Skills and Community Spirit in 2016

The 150 members of the Lathrup Village TimeBank, Michigan's oldest community skills exchange, have provided and obtained 7,927 hours of valuable service since our 2008 inception. The TimeBank's essential function is as a bank where members deposit completed hours of service which they then can spend for hours of service by other members.



Throughout every year the TimeBank matches untapped resources with unmet needs. It makes countless practical benefits possible for its members, who obtain them in exchange for the priceless and inflation-proof value of time. Each hour you invest helping a member is the currency that pays another member for helping you. You also can add hours to your TimeBank account when you volunteer to help with City activities such as the Children's Garden, Farmers Market, Summer in the Village, Fall Fest, etc.

Whatever your age, training or income, you have skills and abilities that others need, and these have real value as a means of obtaining the services you need from others. For info about becoming a TimeBank member, see our website at www.lathrupvillagetimebank.org. Or contact Kim at 248-797-2728 or Richard at 248-569-5610. The TimeBank also organizes a year full of terrific activities for everyone, including member-led skills classes, larger-scale group projects, and fun gatherings.



Upcoming TimeBank Special Events

Most 2016 event dates and locations are not final, but please hold these opportunities where you can join us for play and work projects.

Check our Facebook group, see www.lathrupvillagetimebank.org, or the Lathrup Village channel on your cable service, for updates:

- **Winter—Chili Cook-off**, hosted by South Oakland Shelter, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd.

- **Throughout 2016—Member-led Classes**

Recent classes have included Indian, Moroccan, Thai and Middle Eastern cooking; flower arranging; how to prep your garden; computer skills; Social Media for Entrepreneurs; tour of native gardens; watercolor; and Creative Writing. These are scheduled when a member is available to lead the class and a site is available for the group to meet. If you are willing to lead and/or host a class, please contact Kim. You don't have to be a trained instructor, just willing to share your passion and expertise with the rest of us.



- **Spring through fall—Beginner and Intermediate Knitting Classes with Maria McGhee.**

- **Spring through fall—TimeBank After-Hours Meet and Greet** evenings at a Lathrup Village restaurant.

- **Monthly, Friday at 1 p.m.—German Kaffeeklatsch.** Practice your German language skills. All levels welcome; held at various members' homes.

- **Every 3rd Saturday (as requested), 11 a.m.-2 p.m.—Group project and potluck** at various members' homes.

- **Spring Roll—Bike ride** for adults and/or children.

- **August—Outdoor Movie Night** and Ice Cream Social

- **Sunday, August 21, 1-7 p.m. Fourth Annual Lathrup Summer Stroll**, a free music and arts festival by and for Lathrup Village residents. Resident musicians will perform and artists will show their work in yards, garages and porches in one of the City's neighborhoods while visitors stroll from house to house. Ending with an all-musician Jam-In-The-Park. Co-hosted with the Lathrup Village Homeowners Association.

- **October—Annual All-Members Meet & Greet.** Wine and cheese, cider and donuts at Lathrup Village City Hall.

- **December—Holiday Caroling** through the neighborhood, plus a Christmas cookie exchange.

Annual TimeBank membership dues are \$25 per individual or \$40 per family or organization. All Lathrup Village residents, organizations and businesses are eligible to join and participate. Any member is welcome also to serve on the TimeBank leadership committee (called the "Kitchen Cabinet"), which meets monthly every first Monday at 7 p.m.

Become a friend of the Lathrup Village TimeBank on Facebook today!

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