

# The Village Crier

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## Mayor's Message

Over the last two years the City has undertaken the updating of the Master Plan. This process started in January of 2007 with a visioning session in which 60 residents, business owners, and staff participated.

In the middle of the process, due to a new state law, we were required to create a Planning Commission. The Planning Commission was then charged with creating the new Master Plan.

After many work sessions with the Planning Commission, City Council, and Downtown Development Authority, the Draft Plan, as required by state law, has been sent out to be reviewed by Oakland County, the City of Southfield, and all utilities.

The Planning Commission has now set a date of February 10, 2009 for a Public Hearing on the Plan. The hearing will be held in the Lathrup Village Community Room (27400 Southfield) at 7:00 pm. Please come out, listen, give us your input, and be a part of Lathrup Village's future.



Mayor  
Frank Brock

### Holiday Office Closings

Wednesday, December 24  
Thursday, December 25  
Thursday, January 1  
Friday, January 2

### Christmas Trees

The City contractor will chip Christmas trees placed at the street from Friday, December 26, through Friday, January 16.



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## City Administrator's News

On behalf of the City staff, we wish you a safe and happy New Year!

### Sewer Relining

Heartfelt thanks to our residents for their patience in the sewer relining program.

### New Website!

After months of work, the City is embarking on the creation of a new website. CivicPlus will design the site. We hope to have it up and running by the end of May.

With the new website comes an opportunity for the community. An estimated 75-80% of residents have access to the Internet. Starting in July, to save on printing and postage, the newsletter will be available online, and printed copies will be available at the City Office. We are working to set up a mail list on the website in which the newsletter is directly sent to subscribers. Contact Maralee Rosemond at 248.557.2600, x224 if you do *not* have internet access.

### Falling Property Values

Lathrup, like all Oakland County communities, is experiencing a downfall in property values. The Council and I are working diligently to continue the high-level services you expect despite the tough economic times.

### Are Your Downspouts Disconnected and Extended?

The City is still receiving a large amount of storm water in our sanitary sewer lines.

**Per City Ordinance:** *Downspouts must be disconnected from footing drains and be extended a minimum of five feet from your home.*

The City recently inspected downspouts and sent notices regarding violations. Soon we will perform a follow-up inspection to check for compliance. Failure to comply will result in a violation. Further, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality could require additional work on our sanitary sewer system, which would cost you additional tax dollars.

### Welcome Administrative Assistant Matt Baumgarten!

Matt, originally from New Baltimore in Macomb County, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. While at UAM, he was a Student Ambassador and spent four years on the debate team.

In 2006, Matt moved back to his native Michigan to attend graduate school at Oakland University. While pursuing his Master of Public Administration degree, he was selected as the 2008 Local Government Management Fellowship recipient. As part of the fellowship, Matt was placed in Lathrup Village as an intern to learn more about the inner workings of city administration. After his internship ended, he was hired as an administrative assistant for Lathrup Village.

Matt says he “looks forward to his future in our City and is happy to be a part of such a wonderful community.”



Jeff Mueller  
City Administrator



Matt Baumgarten  
Administrative Assistant

## From Your Treasurer

### 2008 Winter Tax Bills

Your 2008 winter tax bills were mailed out around December 1<sup>st</sup>.

- You have until February 14, 2009 to pay 2008 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, 2009.
- Beginning March 1, 2009, unpaid taxes can be paid only to Oakland County Treasurer Patrick M. Dohany.
- After March 1, please call the City Office for a revised tax bill with additional penalties to send with your payment to Oakland County.



Treasurer  
Pam Bratschi

*Note: You can submit water / tax payments in the drop box at the north side of the Municipal Building lot.*

### Water Bills

Once water meter readings are taken, bills are generated and immediately sent out allowing approximately two weeks to make a payment.

Before you let your water account go into arrears, remember that your delinquent water account is:

- A lien against your property
- Accrues 10% penalty charges when left unpaid

Keep a clear path to the meter on your home. If the meter reader is unable to locate the meter an estimated bill will be generated for that quarter.

### Pay Water / Tax Bills by Credit Card

You can use a credit card to pay both your property tax bill and your water bill. To take advantage of this service you will need to access the Official Payments website at [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) or call 888.272.9829. Lathrup's jurisdiction code is 3248. If your bill is past due, remember to add the penalties when you enter the amount. There is a nominal fee for credit card payments.

### Prevent Foreclosure

Public Act 123 states that if you fail to pay your property taxes, your property may be sold. Under the law, if your taxes are delinquent for 26 months, you've lost the property. To avoid property tax foreclosure, take action now:

- Is this your primary residence, does your tax statement indicate you have a *Principle Residence Exemption*?
- If you did not need to file an income tax return, were you eligible and did you file for the *Homestead Property Tax Credit* from the State of Michigan?
- Did you apply to your local assessor for an *Economic Hardship exemption or reduction*?
- Have you sought advice of the *Oakland County Housing Counselor*?

To find out if you need help, first contact the Oakland County Treasurers Office at 248.858.0611 or [treasurer@oakgov.com](mailto:treasurer@oakgov.com). Then feel free to contact:

Department of Human Services	248.975.4800
Community Services, Oakland County	248.542.5860
Lighthouse Community Development	248.920.6200
Area Agency on Aging 1-B	800.852.7795

## City Clerk's Corner

City Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

### Summary of Council Meetings

#### October Meeting

- Appointed to the Historic District Commission: Robin Roberts and Marjorie Yedlin (3years), Joanne Endres and Mary Kearney (2 years), Mark Piotrowski and Robert Tomkie (1 year)
- Approved an Identity Theft Protection Program
- Approved repairs to the retention tank pump
- Approved first reading of Ordinance 399-08 to amend Chapter 14, Buildings and Building Regulations, the Building Code, Michigan Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing Code, Property Maintenance Code and Residential Code through the adoption of the most recent standards of the State of Michigan.



City Clerk  
Gloria Harris-Ford

#### November Meeting

- Adopted Ordinance 399-08
- Approved tentative agreement with POAM
- Approved tentative agreement with MAPE
- Tabled approval of resolution authorizing purchase financing for updating of water meters to radio reads
- Re-appointed Mark Highlen to the Planning Commission
- Approved zoning variance at 28252 Woodworth Way to erect a structure in sideyard

*Note: Visit the City Ordinances link at [www.lathrupvillage.org](http://www.lathrupvillage.org) to see the City's Official Code of Ordinances or to view a condensed plain-English list of common codes and their explanations.*

### Election News

Lathrup Village residents had a record voter turnout of 84%!  
Thank you for being patient in the long lines on election day.

#### City Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Three City Council seats will be open.  
For information, contact the City Clerk at 248.557.2600, x226.

**Note:** If you are interested in working on any election,  
call 248.557.2600, x226.

### Home Chore Service

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) home chore services are available to Lathrup Village residents who meet income guidelines.

Services include lawn-cutting, fall cleanup, and snow removal. Funds are limited, and all who apply may not receive the services. For more information or to obtain an application, contact the City Clerk at 248.557.2600, x226.

## 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).

### 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 a **2009** license, which will expire February 28, **2010**.

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.**

## Council Meetings

- Study sessions: 6:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month
- Regular meetings: 7:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

You are always welcome to attend. You can see recorded meetings on Cable 17 for two weeks following regular meetings daily at 2:00, 8:00, and 11:30 am and at 6:00 and 10:00 pm.

Council minutes are available for public review at the City Office.

## Voter Information Center

Visit [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) for information about:

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

## New in Town?

Welcome, and please register to vote in the City of Lathrup Village. You can do this at the Secretary of State Office or the City Office.

For information regarding voter registration, call 248.557.2600, x226.

## From Code Enforcement

The goal of Code Enforcement is to provide a service that ensures a safe and healthy environment for residents, members of the business community, and visitors. Accomplishing this goal requires vigilance in maintaining the appearance of residential and commercial areas, thus maintaining the quality of life that makes Lathrup Village an excellent place to live and work.

While this goal sounds simple, we need *your cooperation and assistance* to make it a reality.

Please observe the following City codes to show your pride in your community and to avoid costly code violations:

- Scrape and repaint peeling paint on your home.
- Store trash *out of public view* in bags inside trash cans (maximum 35-gallon) with lids.
- Rid your property of brush piles and rubbish.
- Obtain permits for garage sales.
- Store RVs and boats on your property for a *maximum of 48 hours to load and unload*.
- Do not store inoperable vehicles on your property.
- Do not place items in the city-owned right-of-way (only mailboxes and municipal signs allowed).
- Keep your lawn mowed, and keep your walks free of brush, and overhanging limbs.
- Store firewood 12" above ground on a secure rack.

Remember, preventative maintenance can save in the long run and increases property values!

If you have questions or concerns, contact Code Enforcement at 248.557.2600, x223 or [customerservice@lathrupvillage.org](mailto:customerservice@lathrupvillage.org).

## Building Permits

Before committing to work, make sure the contractor is licensed and applies for a building permit.

If you plan to do the work yourself, you will need a permit to ensure that the inspector approves the job. Some examples of jobs that require permits include:

- Additions
- Decks
- Storage sheds
- Roofs
- Fences
- Swimming pools
- Electrical, heating, and plumbing work

Call the City Office to determine if you will need a permit for work you plan to perform yourself and to determine what the permit will cost.

## LVPD News

### Neighborhood Watch Program

LVPD has been involved in a summertime Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) meeting hosted by residents in the Red River / Rainbow area and a meeting at the Municipal Building on December 11, 2008.

For future meetings, you can contact me or call Crime Prevention at 248.557.3600, x233 to request an officer for your meeting. Also watch Cable 17 for NWP meetings that will be held periodically at the Municipal Building.



Robert Jones  
Chief of Police

### Police Activity

There have been a few home burglaries in the City over the past few months, one

... a prevalent ruse employed by the criminal element is to put homeowners off guard by knocking on the door and asking for someone by name that does not live there, or saying something like, "my cell phone battery is dead and my car won't start or is broken down, can I come in and use your phone?"

thing that continues to stand out from our investigations is that a prevalent ruse employed by the criminal element is to put homeowners off guard by knocking on the door and asking for someone by name that does not live there, or saying something like, "my cell phone battery is dead and my car won't start or is broken down, can I come in and use your phone?" *Do not let them in, call the Police and you will receive the assistance that is needed.* Call 248.354.1010.

In October there were two homicides in the City, one at the Rib Rack Restaurant on Southfield Road and one at a private residence. LVPD has made an arrest in each case, and they are going through the court process.

### Information To Know

Police Dispatch has the ability to know your location when you dial 911. However, if you dial a number such as 248.557.3600 and select the various choices on the menu, you can speak to Dispatch, but they will *not* know your location unless you can tell them.

If you are unable to state your location, dial 911, and the Police will come. This information applies to cell phones as well as land lines.

### Display House Numbers Clearly

Your house numbers should be visible from the road, day or night. A visible address will help us serve you better. In case of an emergency, it is imperative that our emergency response teams, police, fire, and EMS see a clearly visible address sign from the road.

Please trim trees, shrubbery, or other vegetation that may be blocking visibility of your address from the street.

*Note: For any police, fire, or medical emergency, you may call 248.354.1010.*

## Department of Public Services

*Need help or information? Call 248.557.2600, x236, 223, or 221 for requests or questions relative to water, sewers, roads, tree trimming, road grading, road patching, etc.*

### Lathrup Village Trash Hauler: Tringali Sanitation—248.585.9120

Please place refuse, recyclables, and yard waste at the curb *no earlier than 4:00 pm on Thursday and no later than 7:00 am on Friday*. Different trucks pick up these items. Once the trucks pass through, they cannot return as they need to complete the balance of their route. Bulk items (refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, etc.) are picked up on Friday. There is no need to call. When in doubt, call Tringali Sanitation at 248.585.9120.



Christine Bremer  
Administrative  
Services Director

## No Trash Containers in Street

Do not place your trash receptacles or recycling bins in the street for collection on trash days. The containers pose a safety problem to motorists. Place trash containers in the right-of-way near the street, **not in the street.**

## Major Cleanup or Moving

If you have excess trash because you are moving or cleaning out your house, basement, or garage, contact Tringali Sanitation at 248.585.9120 to arrange a special pickup. Piling huge amounts of trash at the street on trash day won't make it go away—please call Tringali first.

## Free Yard Waste Drop-off

December 1, 2008 to April 4, 2009

8:00 am to 4:00 pm Weekdays

8:00 am to noon Saturday

SOCRRA Transfer Station

911 Coolidge

(between 14 & 15 Mile)

- Residents (no businesses / landscapers) may bring up to 10 yard waste bags (no grass or leaves) or brush bundles per day for composting.
- Enter the facility, turn left to the red brick building, and see the scale operator for where to place material.
- Remove plastic bags; brown kraft bags are OK.

## Snow and Ice Removal

Lathrup Village City Ordinance 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.
- When snow stops falling during the night, it must be cleared by 6 p.m. the following day.
- When ice forms on the sidewalk, it must be removed immediately if practical.
- If immediate ice removal is impractical, you must put sand or other material approved by DPS on the ice to prevent the sidewalk from becoming slippery and dangerous to pedestrians. The ice must then be removed at the earliest possible time.



## Sewer Notes

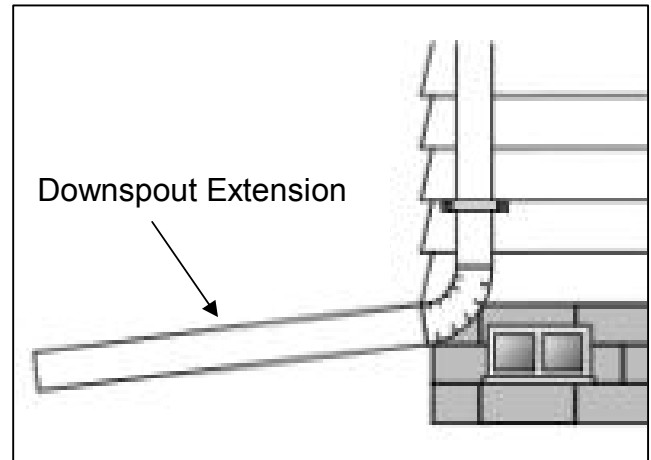
### Grease

*Never pour grease down your drains.* This clogs your sewer lead and our sewer lines. **Violators will be ticketed, fined, and risk even more severe penalties.**

### Downspout Extensions

Do **not** disconnect your downspout extensions. The extensions channel water away from your home and help eliminate excess flows into our sanitary sewer system.

Please bring your home into compliance with this important program, and take immediate action if you are notified of a downspout connection violation. If you have questions, contact Matt Baumgarten at 248.557.2600, x223.



## Water Meter Reading Safety

A clear path helps us serve you better. Please follow these easy steps to prevent damage to your meter and to keep our employees safe:

- Keep vegetation such as flowers, bushes and weeds clear of the meter. Please be careful not to damage the meter reading device when trimming.
- Keep pets leashed or penned away from the touch pad water meter reader and the path that leads to the meter.

A clear, safe, obstacle-free path to your meter makes it easier to read and reduces the need to estimate your bill.

## Recycling Bins Available

Please place your recyclables in proper recycling bins.

- These recycling bins are available at the City Office for \$12 each.
- You may put out multiple recycling bins for pickup.

Thank you for recycling!

## Please Help

You can help your City by notifying us of conditions that need attention, including roads, traffic signs, parks, trees, leaking fire hydrants, etc. Please call 248.557.2600, x223. Help by being our additional eyes and ears. Your help is much appreciated as we strive to *Keep Lathrup Beautiful!*

## No Parking 3:00 to 6:00 am

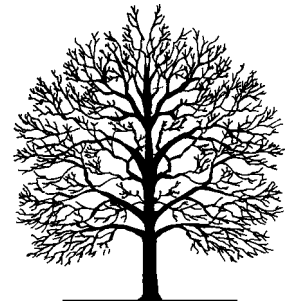
Do not park on any Lathrup Village street, court, or alley from 3:00 to 6:00 am. This helps DPS with snow removal during the winter months. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.



# 2009 Spring Tree Sale

DPS will plant trees in the City right-of-way or will deliver trees if you choose to plant them in another area of your yard. The trees are 1½-inch caliper in size and will be planted / delivered in late April or early May.

Please contact Jeff Mueller at 248.557.2600, x225, if you have questions or need to determine a proper planting location.



## 2009 Spring Tree-Planting Order Form

Tree	Quantity	Cost	Total
<b>Greenspire Linden:</b> Oval shape. Matures to a height of 50-60 feet with a 40-foot spread. Glossy green foliage; yellow fall color. Creamy yellow flowers in June.	_____	\$70	_____
<b>Canada Cherry:</b> Small white flowers in spring. Matures to height of 20-25 feet. Oval crown. Leaves change from red-tipped to green and back to red.	_____	\$70	_____
<b>Cleveland Pear:</b> Leathery, glossy dark green foliage turns crimson and purple in late autumn. Matures to height of 35-40 feet. Small white flowers in spring. Is adapted to adverse city conditions.	_____	\$70	_____
<b>October Glory Maple:</b> Rounded shape. Matures to a height of 40-50 feet with a spread of 35-40 feet. Dark green leaves turn from brilliant orange to red in the fall.	_____	\$70	_____
		<b><u>Total Due</u></b>	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a sprinkler system?      Yes       No

Note: The City is *not* responsible for damage to sprinkler lines as a result of planting.

Please send this form with your check to:  
 Tree Order  
 City of Lathrup Village  
 27400 Southfield Road  
 Lathrup Village, MI 48076

**Order Deadline is Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 4:00 pm**

## Community

### Lathrup Village Historical Society

#### Reward Offered!

Historical Society members have been busy identifying the earliest Lathrup houses. Using photos from *The Ensemble Home*, a 1929 marketing brochure, they have found all but the home shown below.

This house was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Geiseking. Mr. Geiseking was with Acme Wire & Iron Works, Detroit.

The house appears to have a detached garage, which would make it one of the very earliest homes.

If you recognize this house, please contact President Robin Roberts at 248.569.9390 or [robwisz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robwisz@sbcglobal.net).

The first person to correctly identify this house will receive a \$25 gift certificate to a Lathrup business—winner’s choice!



**Note:** You can now view *The Ensemble Home and Lathrup Townsite: A New City in the Making* online at the “From the Archives” link at <http://lhistoricalsociety.home.comcast.net>.

I / We would like to join the Lathrup Village Historical Society.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category:

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual    \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (single)    \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life (single)    \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family    \$15     | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (couple)    \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life (couple)    \$200 |

Please mail your check (payable to Lathrup Village Historical Society) to:

Lathrup Village Historical Society  
P.O. Box 760312  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

**Note:** *The Lathrup Village Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization. Your donation is tax-deductible.*

## Need Help With a Project? Try the TimeBank

In addition to one-on-one exchanges, TimeBank members do group projects. Examples include washing Karen Breen's windows, putting up Donna Jarvis' holiday lights, and moving Jason Hammond's woodpiles.

Jason reported, "It was amazing having people from our community work together to help my family. We had two huge piles of wood to move into a dumpster. With help from Timebank, it took one hour, and we had fun doing it. Without help, it would have taken all day, and I would have been exhausted. The best part was the feeling of support and connectedness I felt with everyone. I got much more out of it than just getting a big chore completed."

Brian Skory who pitched in on the wood-moving project said, "It was cold and raining, but was a heck of a lot of fun! I got to see neighbors I haven't seen in a while, and I got to meet new ones. To top it off, there was great food afterward. But probably most fulfilling to me is that it was *play with a purpose*. I now get to invite someone to help me. It's an all-around good situation."



Jason Hammond washes Karen Breen's second floor windows. Members helped Jason move two huge woodpiles from his yard to a dumpster.

Possible group projects include:

- Gutting a basement
- Painting a room / house
- Moving furniture
- Sharing housekeeping / cooking duties
- Gardening or yard work
- Hanging wallpaper

To join or request help with a group project, contact Kim Hodge at 248.424.7455 or [hodgekim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hodgekim@sbcglobal.net).

## Friends of the Library

During regular Southfield Library hours, we accept donations of books, current magazines, music CDs, movies on DVD, books on tape, and cancelled U.S. / foreign postage stamps. The Book Cellar sells these items to raise funds for programs and activities for patrons of the library.

The Friends receive up to \$4 for each inkjet cartridge turned in. This directly benefits our library and is great for the environment! Bring empty inkjet cartridges (in original box or plastic bag) to the Book Cellar, or pick up a free postage-paid mailer to put your empty inkjet cartridges in to mail. Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type.

The Friends have books suitable for gift-giving and current magazines for sale every day in the Library Book Ends Café.



### Book Cellar Hours

*Fit & Fabulous: Books on health ½ off*

Thursday, January 8, 10 am to 8 pm

Friday, January 9, noon to 5 pm

Saturday, January 10, 11 am to 5 pm

*That's Entertainment: Drama, poetry, cinema ½ off*

Thursday, February 5, 10 am to 8 pm

Friday, February 6 noon to 5 pm

Saturday, February 7, 11 am to 5 pm

*March Madness: Sports books ½ off*

Thursday, March 5, 10 am to 8 pm

Friday, March 6, noon to 5 pm

Saturday, March 7, 11 am to 5 pm

Village Gardeneers  
Community Education Program  
Monday, March 23  
Community Room

6:30 pm

- Visit SOCWA displays: Rain gardens, healthy garden practices, composting, mulching, etc.
- Enjoy refreshments
- Enter raffle for garden prizes

7:00 pm

Heirloom Bulbs: Unique,  
Endangered, Amazing



**Presented by: Scott Kunst**  
**Owner: Old House Gardens**

Unique, endangered, tough, and gorgeous, heirloom bulbs can enrich every garden.

After a whirlwind history of bulbs from prehistory through the 1950s, this lively slide lecture focuses on a season-by-season encyclopedia of antique varieties that are still available to gardeners today — wild hyacinths and lilies, Aztec tuberose, colonial daffodils, Victorian tulips and cannas, Jazz Age dahlias, and more.

Members: FREE  
Guests: \$5.00

**Reminder:** Members bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert.

The Lathrup Lions Present

Pancakes for Penrickton

Saturday, February 21  
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
Community Room

Advance tickets:

Adults — \$5.00  
Children 5 to 12 — \$3.50  
Children 1 to 4 — \$1.50

Tickets at the door:

Adults — \$6.00

Free vision screening  
for kids age 1 to 5!

Purchase tickets from any  
Lathrup Lion or call  
Lion Dick Maxwell at:  
248.642.9561.

Includes drawing for  
Annual Computer Raffle.

All proceeds benefit the  
Penrickton Center for Blind Children.



Lathrup Lions Club

The Lathrup Lions meet twice a month (September through June) on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for dinner and once a month in July and August.



The average time commitment per year not counting meetings for most members can be less than 15 hours a year, an hour and a half per month giving back to *your community*, and we have fun while doing this.

Anyone with interest please contact Lion Vice President Thom Bainbridge at 248.559.3466.

## 2008 Beautification Awards

Congratulations

# Robert & Carolyn Fuerst

Winners of the City's 1<sup>st</sup>  
Community Spirit Award!

Congratulations also to the following residents whose properties were nominated by their neighbors and /or members of the Village Gardeners and the Lathrup Village Historical Society.



Home of Robert and Carolyn Fuerst  
27220 Santa Barbara

William F. & Elisabeth Burrell	27252 Bloomfield	Chris & Elizabeth Klee	27441 Lathrup Blvd.
Patrick Wheelock	26740 Bloomfield	Karen Breen & Bill Ewing	27460 Lathrup Blvd.
Robyne Leftwich	18536 Bungalow	Anthony & Dana DeGiulio	27600 Lathrup Blvd.
Mary Emerson	18840 Bungalow	Albert Welsh	28251 Lathrup Blvd.
John Shaw	18851 Bungalow	Margaret Minnich	28911 Lathrup Blvd.
Dave & Lynn Rondot	18860 Bungalow	John M. & Marylouise Plante	19040 LaCrosse
Joanne Endres	27605 California W	Bishop Alfred & .Linda Smith	27424 Morningside Plaza
Timothy Bowen	27805 California NW	Kimberly Bland	27520 Rainbow Circle
Donald Horne	28004 California SW	Henry & Sheryl Heading	27720 Rainbow Circle
Christa Jacobson	18160 Cambridge	Floyd & Gena Edwards	27737 Rainbow Circle
Diane White	18161 Cambridge	James & Barbara Lopiccolo	18890 Rainbow Drive
Mitchell Boardman	18171 Cambridge	Joanne & Joel Davis	27250 Rainbow Drive
Ron & Lois Micetic	18601 Cambridge	Ester Hattaway	27464 Rainbow Drive
Lynn Marie Lee	18652 Cambridge	Brian Jeffries	27568 Rainbow Drive
Donald & Hattie O. Morant	18673 Cambridge	Harry Jones	27630 Rainbow Drive
John & Judith Richards	18682 Cambridge	James & Nancy Bacinski	27514 Rackham Drive
John & Melissa Davis	18716 Cambridge	Dick & Karen Bell	27551 Rackham Drive
Rodney & Karen Harris	18826 Cambridge	Richard / Myra Walton / Terry Layhar	17570 Ramsgate
Alexander E. Bailey	19050 Cambridge	Patrick & Kim Daniels	27720 Red River
Marlon Finley	17535 Coral Gables	Paula Zammit	18586 San Diego
Colleen M. Ewald	18191 Coral Gables	Olivia Street	18659 San Diego
Roy Borek / Ron Stuck / Gene Adkins	18225 Coral Gables	Rodney Ford	18760 San Diego
Preston Carey	18480 Coral Gables	George Rashleigh	18837 San Diego
Marjory Miller & Jan Carlson	18550 Delores	Chuck & Marilyn Greening	19061 San Diego
Randall Wilkins	27131 Eldorado	Roger & Susan Lynn	18590 San Jose
Marcie Theisen	27371 Eldorado	Kevin & Maureen Tardivi	19040 San Jose
Robert P. Martin Trust	27335 Eldorado	George & Jasmette Taylor	27833 San Jose
Mark J. & Charo H. Melesky	27380 Eldorado	Jeffrey & Pam Beard	18701 San Quentin
Darlene Collins	28625 Eldorado	Jeff DREWNO	27230 Santa Barbara
Jeffrey W. Harris	17620 Glenwood	Dennis Waitzman	28251 Santa Barbara
Phillip & Cheri Nicolai	18447 Glenwood	Gail Davidson	19050 Saratoga
Terri A. Lubanski	18492 Glenwood	Bruce Kantor	18129 Sunnybrook
Kevin Jurgen	18519 Glenwood	Carl Jones & David Landis	18161 Sunnybrook
Charles & Jeanne Barron	27270 Goldengate	Keith Larson	18805 Sunnybrook
Ronald Johnson	27311 Goldengate	Howard Jackson & Mary Thoin	17417 Wiltshire
Elmer & Karen Rousseaux	27440 Goldengate	Karen Charlette	18545 Wiltshire
Eric Nelson	27245 Lathrup Blvd.		

## Women's Club

The Women's Club will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2009. This is a great milestone and a testament to the women of Lathrup Village who have served their community so well through the years—beginning before Lathrup Village was incorporated as a city! Plan to come to a meeting or luncheon and celebrate with us during this anniversary year! Our Club's purpose is to provide community services, such as:

- Delivering Mobile Meals to Lathrup residents
- Providing books, magazines, and personal items to the VA Hospital
- Giving financial support to a number of causes from our Holly Luncheon proceeds
- Supporting local civic projects.

We also enjoy the social aspect of *getting to know our neighbors*. We have fun at our December Holly Luncheon, our April luncheon for the benefit of Mobile Meals, and our Annual Spring Luncheon in June.

The Women's Club programs for the coming months include:

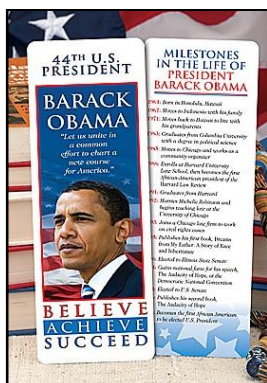
Monday, January 5 12:30 pm <b>Sharing Personal Travels</b> Bring a bag lunch Beverage & dessert provided	Monday, February 2 12:30 pm <b>Topics of the Day</b> <i>Sharon Payne</i> Tea table with snacks	Monday, March 2 12:30 pm <b>Gilda's Club</b> <i>Director Joe Perry</i> Tea table with snacks	Monday, April 6 12:30 pm <b>Children's Garden</b> <i>Don Mc Ghee</i> Tea table with snacks
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For additional information, call 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Publicity Chair Betty Stone at 248.559.0904.

## Black History Month

February 2009

To celebrate the historic election of the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, stop by the City Office during the month of February and request a bookmark commemorating this event.



Lathrup Village residents are encouraged to observe February as *Black History Month* by participating in activities planned by several local, cultural, and historical organizations and educational institutions throughout the month.

## Town Hall Meeting

Senator Gilda Jacobs

Hosts

### Job Strategies for Challenging Economic Times

Thursday, January 22  
6:00 to 8:00 pm  
Community Room  
FREE



Includes presentations by representatives of:  
Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth  
Michigan Economic Development Agency  
Michigan Works  
Michigan Department of Human Services  
Community Action Agency  
United Way

For additional information, contact Senator Jacobs at  
1.888.937.4453  
[sengjacobs@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:sengjacobs@senate.michigan.gov)

## Lathrup Village Community Foundation

Happy New Year, Neighbors!

This past year the Market Lathrup team asked a particular question of residents at random: *If you could live anywhere other than Lathrup Village, where would it be?* Almost all picked places that have warmer winters than we do, any of which would be pretty far away from southeast Michigan.

To me that means they could think of little that would justify moving to any other community within a range of several hundred miles. Considering the many institutions, attractions and pleasant neighborhoods with which our region is blessed, that's saying quite a lot.

Moreover, Lathrup has qualities we would have trouble finding elsewhere. Most of us realize we have a stake in this uniquely friendly and livable place. By the evident satisfaction and loyalty of so many, our stake is not only in what keeps us here now but in what we hope will continue to keep and draw good neighbors to Lathrup Village forever.

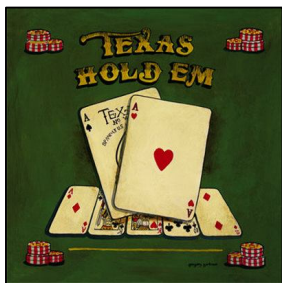
It's something we are reminded of during the annual Community Foundation membership drive.

Among community foundations, ours is a work in progress. It has a long way to go toward establishing the kind of financial substance and permanence our community could rely on someday. Nevertheless, it has taken a growing role in improving and preserving the Lathrup Village quality of life since 1996, and will be that much more active and visible in 2009, when it again sponsors:

. . . Foundation-sponsored activities raise funds to support benefits we appreciate today, . . . as well as to endow the Foundation for a future of investment and good works in Lathrup Village.

### Lathrup Village Community Foundation

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament



Saturday, March 7  
Community Room  
Noon to 1:00 pm—Sign-in  
1:00 pm—Start Time

\$60 / Player  
Top 10% Win Cash!  
Rebuys Option & Raffle  
Food, Sodas, & BYOB

1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize, about \$3,000, Based on 150 Players

Register: 248.557.2600, x224  
or 248.763.8996

Proceeds benefit the Lathrup Village community,  
Concerts-in-the-Park, and more!

- *Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament*
- *Golf Outing* with Michigan First Credit Union, Wednesday, June 3, at Shenandoah Country Club
- *Art-in-the-Park*, June 27 and 28 on the Village Green

Along with your yearly membership gift of \$25, \$100 or more, Foundation-sponsored activities raise funds to support benefits we appreciate today, like Concerts-in-the-Park and distinctive public signage and lighting, as well as to endow the Foundation for a future of investment and good works in Lathrup Village.

On behalf of our all-volunteer Board and all residents and businesses of Lathrup Village, I thank you for believing in and standing with the Lathrup Village Community Foundation!

Michael Madigan  
President



# Recreation

## Important Notices

- For all Recreation Department trips, classes, luncheons, etc., you must pay when you register.
- All Recreation Department trips include the price of bus transportation.
- Trips that do not have a minimum of 20 people by the deadline will be cancelled; so sign up early.



Maralee Rosemond  
Recreation Coordinator

## Thank you!

The City of Lathrup Village and the Recreation Department would like to acknowledge and say *Thank You* to the Lathrup Village Lions Club for co-sponsoring Santa's visit on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

We would also commend the residents of Lathrup Village for the effort they put forth for the Light-Up-Lathrup tour that was also held the same evening. The homes were beautiful.

A special note of thanks goes out to Barb and Bill Stetson for once again organizing the spectacular display on the entire length of Dolores Ave. Bravo!

Chief Tour-Director-of-Trolleys Nancy Hatcher had no easy task I might add! Thanks Nancy.

And last but never least, I would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the families that came out to enjoy all the evenings festivities! Your patience and sense of good will was deeply appreciated.

Have a safe and healthy New Year!

## Calling All Volunteers

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who make our community events so successful!

We are holding a volunteer meeting to go over this year's events. If you have a few hours to spare for any event, please attend the meeting.

Wednesday, February 18  
The Meeting Place  
6:30 to 7:30 pm

Questions?  
248.557.2600, x224

[recreation@LathrupVillage.org](mailto:recreation@LathrupVillage.org)

## New Fitness Center Hours & Staff

The Fitness Center is open from 8:00 am to 8:30 pm Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 8:00 am to noon. Three great new staff members are on duty from 4:30 to 8:30 pm and also on Saturdays:

Lisa Hughes  
Bill Stetson,  
Gerry Lovejoy

Stop in and see the place. With our commercial grade exercise equipment, this is a great facility for that New Years resolution!

Annual Membership (July 1 through June 30)  
18 - 54: \$40  
55 & older: \$30

For information 248.557.2600, x224 [recreation@LathrupVillage.org](mailto:recreation@LathrupVillage.org)

## Dance Classes

This 15-week dance program does *not* include performance in a recital or costume purchases. (The exception may be ballet classes, but that is optional for participants.) Classes begin on Friday, January 9, and Saturday, January 10.

If you would like additional information or want to register for classes, please contact Vanda Botaletto at 586.419.6797 or [Vandabot@aol.com](mailto:Vandabot@aol.com).

### Dance Class Schedule

Friday	5:00 to 5:45 pm	Ballet age 6 to 8	\$85	Ms. Jolie
	5:45 to 6:30 pm	Ballet age 9 to 11	\$85	Ms. Jolie
	6:30 to 7:15 pm	Ballet age 12+	\$85	Ms. Jolie
	7:15 to 8:00 pm	Ballet Pointe (audition required)	\$85	Ms. Jolie
	8:00 to 9:00	Zumba* age 18+	\$85	Ms. Jolie
Saturday	1:30 to 2:15 pm	Tap age 9 to 11	\$85	Ms. Shana
	2:15 to 3:00 pm	Jazz age 9 to 11	\$85	Ms. Shana

*\*Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance fitness class that incorporates Latin music and dance movements. This class combines fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body in an aerobic fitness fashion to achieve a unique balance of cardio and muscle-toning benefits.*

## Our Instructors

### Jolie Papparisto

Ms. Jolie is a 1989 graduate of the School of Choreography at State University, Tirana Albania. She was a choreographer and ballerina at the Military Professional Ballet in Albania, choreographer, coordinator of artistic associations, and teacher of ballet and artistic aerobics at the School of Ballet in Italy. Her honors and achievements include: award winner for best choreography at the International Competition of Artistic Aerobics (Germany 1997), member of Albanian Association of Performing and Commutations Arts in Albania since 1991, and a member of Albanian American Association of Intellectuals (Detroit since 1998). Ms. Jolie also volunteers her time choreographing for the Albanian student organization at Wayne State University and the children of Saint Paul's Albanian Church.

### Shana Gray

Ms. Shana is a resident of Lathrup Village and a wife and mother of two children. She has studied ballet, jazz, tap, and modern / lyrical for over 20 years. After studying dance at the Franklin Fine Arts Center in Chicago, she danced professionally with the Carleton Smith Dance Troop and the Free Street Dance Studio. Shana also has a B.A. in information technology from Michigan State University. She has spent the last seven years focusing on educating others in the art of dance. She has taught at various locations and with prominent dance studios and has a level one certification for teaching and instruction from Dance Masters of America.

## Tai Chi Chuan

In the last 25 years, Tai Chi Chuan has become one of the most popular forms of exercise for relieving stress, improving balance, and enhancing circulation and respiration. The slow, gentle movements can be adjusted to the needs of persons of any level of physical fitness.

Several Lathrup residents have been training Tai Chi for over three years. Classes are held year-round.

The next two class sessions start:

**February 7 (Saturday)**

8:30 to 9:55 am

10:00 to 11:25 am

**April 18 (Saturday)**

8:30 to 9:55

10:00 to 11:25 am

Each session is 10 classes, and the price is \$50 per session. You may observe a class at any time to see if Tai Chi is something you would like to learn without first committing to a full session. Students are taught on an individual basis, so you do not need to worry about missing an occasional class or falling behind others in your training. You alone determine how fast you will learn. You will not be required to keep up or be held back if you are ready to learn more.

Your instructor, Lathrup resident Don Runyan, is a senior instructor with the Michigan Wu Style Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung Institute and has been training Tai Chi for over 14 years.

Checks should be made out to The City of Lathrup Village.

## Breakfast with the Bunny

- Pancake breakfast
- Visits with Bunny
- Keepsake photos
- Egg hunt in park (bring a basket)
- \$6 / person



Saturday  
April 4  
9:00 am  
Community Room

Tickets available  
Monday, March 2

*Be prompt, hunt begins after last photo, possibly before 11 am.*

## Red Wing Tickets

A limited number of Red Wing hockey tickets are available for the February 15<sup>th</sup> game when the wings take on the Colorado Avalanche.

Better seats than in years prior, all for the same price—\$60. Ticket includes your seat, plus transportation right to the Joe. Bus leaves at 2:45 for 4:00 pm game.

Give Maralee Rosemond a call at 248.557.2600, x224 and reserve your ticket today.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Art in the Park

Mark your calendar for one of the best weekends in Lathrup Village!

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Art in the Park will take place June 27 and 28.

This year promises to be wonderful! See the next issue of *The Village Crier* for more information or visit [www.lathrupvillageartinthepark.com](http://www.lathrupvillageartinthepark.com)

## Events

### Dance Classes

15-week sessions begin:

January 9 (Friday)

Ballet

Zumba (adults)

January 10 (Saturday)

Tap

Jazz

### Town Hall Meeting

January 22 (Thursday)

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Senator Gilda Jacobs

*Job Strategies for*

*Challenging Economic Times*

Community Room

### Tai Chi Chuan Class

10-week sessions begin:

February 7 (Saturday)

8:30 to 9:50 am

10:00 to 11:50 am

April 18 (Saturday)

8:30 to 9:55

10:00 to 11:25 am

### Public Hearing for Master Plan

February 10 (Tuesday)

7:00 pm

Community Room

### Red Wings vs. Avalanche

February 15 (Sunday)

Bus Leaves at 2:45 for 4:00 pm game

\$60 includes transportation

### Volunteer Meeting

February 18 (Wednesday)

The Meeting Place

6:30 to 7:30 pm

### Pancakes for Penrickton

February 21 (Saturday)

9:00 to 11:30 am

Community Room

Advance tickets:

Adults — \$5.00

Children 5 to 12 — \$3.50

Children 1 to 4 — \$1.50

Tickets at the door:

Adults — \$6.00

Free vision screening for kids age 1 to 5

### Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

March 7 (Saturday)

Community Room

Noon to 1:00 pm—Sign-in

1:00 pm—Start Time

\$60 / Player

Register: 248.557.2600, x224

or 248.763.8996

### Village Gardeners Community Event

March 23 (Monday)

6:30 pm

Refreshments / Exhibits

7:00 pm

Heirloom Bulbs

Scott Kunst

Owner of Old House Gardens

Community Room

Guests \$5 / Members Free

### Breakfast with the Bunny

April 4 (Saturday)

9:00 am

\$6 / person

Includes breakfast, photo, egg hunt



A HERITAGE OF GOOD LIVING

City of Lathrup Village  
27400 Southfield Road  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

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