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# **MEMORANDUM**

To: LVDDA Board of Directors

From: Susie Stec, DDA and CED Director

Date: August 12, 2021

RE: Department/Director Report

In an effort to provide consistent updates to the DDA Board of Directors, City Administrator, and City Council the following monthly is submitted for your review.

# **COVID-19 Resources**

• A resource page has been created: <a href="http://www.lathrupvillage.org/how\_do\_i/resources.php">http://www.lathrupvillage.org/how\_do\_i/resources.php</a>. There are a series of links to financial resources & programs available to business.

### **Events**

- Alley Maintenance week was held July 17-25<sup>th</sup> to encourage businesses to maintain and clean their alleys.
- Road Master Corvette Club Car Show -August 14<sup>th</sup>. DDA partnered with RMCC. The event will be held at City Hall and Annie Lathrup School from 9 am 2 pm.
- **Informational Meeting** is scheduled for **September 15th** from 4 6 pm and will be focused on networking opportunities.
- Fall Corridor Clean Up on September 25th.
- Community Policing Event—The DDA is partnering with the LVPD for their Community Policing Event on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Municipal Park.

# **Grants**

- The DDA was awarded funds by Oakland County for technical assistance, these funds will be used towards creating a business workshop for online presence and marketing.
- Oakland County has asked to partner with DDA on an SBA Community Navigator Grant. The grant aims to provide direct support to under-served and micro-businesses in the area.
- DDA continues to seek out grants for businesses and placemaking initiatives



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# **Commercial Business/Property Updates**

- New Business: 28851 Southfield Road (Fish Market) working on interior improvements
- New Business: 28871 Southfield Road (RM Smoke Shop) OPEN
- New Business: 26079 Southfield Road (US Rehab) working on interior improvements
- New Business: 26780 Southfield Road (Ruby Lee's Honey Chicken & Shrimp) working on interior improvements
- 26727 Southfield Road (BP Gas) work is progressing. Contractor provides regular updates.
- Lathrup Village Apartments will be installing the screen wall soon. The final building phase is delayed until Spring 2022 due to material and contractor shortages

# **Comprehensive Plan Update**

- The plan was adopted by Planning Commission & City Council
- Staff & PC will be working implementation strategies

### **Cannabis**

 Staff is working to finalize the scoring criteria and application materials with the intent of providing a draft to City Council in September/October

### <u>Infrastructure</u>

- DDA Sidewalk Replacement Program work is anticipated to begin August 17<sup>th</sup> with horizontal saw cuts; replacements will begin on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Work is expected to start along Southfield Road and in the neighborhoods east of Southfield Road.
- Roads: ASI is working on project cleanup, landscape restoration and punch list items. They will be repairing the alley approaches between Sunnybrook & Cambridge (east of Southfield Rd).
- Exterior excavation work continues in the neighborhoods south of 696, in advance of the Sidewalk Replacement Program.
- GIS mapping & data collection system is in place to track excavations, fire hydrants, and gate valves
- Water Main Replacements on Wiltshire (Southfield to Lathrup Blvd) and San Rosa (Southfield to Lathrup Blvd) are scheduled to begin as soon as Miss Digg marks utilities.



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# **Miscellaneous**

- City Hall, 12 Mile, Lincoln flower beds are planted! These are perennial gardens, and some additional work will be done in the fall/spring.
- The city was notified that our Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Certification is valid through 11/30/20203. The RRC program has been undergoing some revisions and staff will be meeting with our RRC Planner in September.