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To: Lathrup Village Downtown Development Authority
From: Janet Bloom – Community & Economic Development/DDA Director
Date: September 23, 2026
RE: Director's Report

The DDA staff continues to connect with business owners, property owners, committees, and organizations impacting Lathrup Village.

Recast City:

Tom Kennedy and I continue to meet with organizations, business owners, and property owners for the Recast City program. We had our one-on-one meeting with Ilana Preuss and our Recast City team to discuss current progress and next steps. We will be circling back to the focus group attendees that participated at the Southfield Chamber of Commerce/Lathrup Village DDA/Oakland Thrive event to do follow up one-on-one interviews. We needed more raw data on the business owner side. We are complete on the property owner information.

Master Plan:

Giffels Webster will be providing an update on the Master Plan at the September 15 Planning Commission meeting. Master Plan information is available on the City of Lathrup Village website.

Property Updates:

Bro's Eatery - 28851 Southfield Road – Received Certificate of Occupancy.

Havana Tacos is now open.

Available lease location: 28801 Southfield Road #300, Lathrup Village, MI 48076. Was formerly the Bellviso Global Aesthetics.

Special Land Use Application: 28939 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076 (Exxon Gas Station) was reviewed by Planning Commission on August 18. The application was to add a liquor license for the establishment. Their recommendation was to not approve the SLU due to “lack of demonstration of need”. The recommendation forwards to the City Council for their meeting on September 21.

27300 Southfield Road – Due to lack of movement by property owner to install a barrier wall in alley area that was required from the site plan, the owner has been given 33 days as of 9/15/2026 to comply or risk legal action.

LYMF:

DDA Booth had upcoming business event flyers, a few DDA merchandise items (pens/temporary tattoos), plus a board asking – “What I love about Lathrup Village” and “What I want to see in Lathrup Village”.

MSOC:

First and Second Quarter Stats matrix are attached, as requested. These were submitted to MSOC July 31, 2026.

RFQ's/RFP's:

We will review the RFQ for Holiday Décor at this September meeting.

The RFQ for the DDA Owner Parcel Development is due October 6 at 2pm. The RFQ's for Snow Removal and 11 Mile Road Maintenance are due back October 12 at noon. These three RFQ responses will be prepared for the October DDA Board meeting.

Placemaking and Public Spaces Grant (ARPA)

The City Council at a special meeting on August 31, approved the funding for the Municipal Park playground project. ARPA Q1 and Q2 reports were completed and submitted to MSOC. Funds are on their way to Lathrup Village for the remainder of the ARPA grant award for \$33,941.75, wrapping up the ARPA award monies received of \$135,767.00.

Tree Committee:

We submitted a Michigan DNR DTE Energy Tree Planting grant on September 14 on behalf of the Tree Committee. This grant is for \$4,000, requiring a \$4,000 match. The match accepts volunteer hours attributed to the project, which was calculated for tree installation over two event days. Five trees in each of the eight species requested would supply Lathrup Village 40 additional trees in and around our parks. If awarded, two dates for planting the 7-gallon container trees would be scheduled in Spring and Fall and a call for volunteers would be made.

For Your Calendar:

Completed Events:

August Health Month: Tom Kennedy led the events for this activity and partnered with Oakland Community College, Henry Ford Health System, National Kidney Foundation, American Heart Association, and Versiti Blood Center of Michigan. It included CPR training and a Blood Drive. The Balance classes, presented by Lathrup Village Park & Recreation, were also included in the activities. There were 18 blood drive participants.

Recast City – program with Southfield Chamber of Commerce, August 25 at the chamber, 4:00 – 6:00 pm. We had 20 participants take part to learn more about Recast City.

September 12– LV Music Festival – There were double the vendors this year, more attendees than previous years (approximately 3K), and five food trucks. Over 60 volunteers gave of their time and skills to welcome the community to a great gathering of great music, good food, and fun activities. Thank you from the DDA for all those involved.

Upcoming Events:

September 22 – How to Avoid Fraud – with Chase Bank and Lathrup Village Police. 5:30 pm City Hall.

September 29 – SBA/TriCities Lender Matchmaking, 1 – 4 pm, at Southfield Public Library

October 17 – Halloween Fall Fest by Parks & Recreation/DDA 1-3 pm, at City Hall

December 4 – Winterfest (tree lighting ceremony/kids activities), 6-8 pm, at City Hall

Recommendation: To Receive and File