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To: Lathrup Village Downtown Development Authority
From: Janet Bloom – Community & Economic Development/DDA Director
Date: August 21, 2026
RE: Director's Report

Since last month, I continued to connect with business owners, property owners, committees, and organizations impacting Lathrup Village.

Recent Meetings:

Southfield Public Schools groundbreaking ceremony July 14
Communication & Engagement Committee – July 14
LV Music Fest – Lauren Beras
Southfield Chamber of Commerce Sunrise Monthly Mixer for Recast City
Paradise Garden Landscaping – DDA vendor (Zoom call and ride through Lathrup Village with owner)
SBA/MMTC – July 21
Main Street Oakland County: met with our representative Tim Colbeck – July 22
Tree Committee – July 27
TechTown “The Shop” – July 29
Surnow Team – July 29
Broker Tour of 27031 Southfield – July 30
Virtual Planners (Zoom) – July 30
Oakland Thrive – August 4
Project Diamond visit at Automation Alley – August 5
Park & Recreation Commission – August 6
Southfield Chamber of Commerce Director meeting – August 12
OC Tech Collaboration event - August 12
Southfield Library tour – August 13

Recast City:

Tom Kennedy and I have continued our data collection on this program. We are meeting with

organizations, business owners, and property owners and completing the interview assignments as tasked by Recast City.

Master Plan:

The Open House was Tuesday, July 21 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Over 65 individuals attended and gave additional feedback on the boards and information set up at the stations. These are currently on the Master Plan section of the City of Lathrup Village website. You can make additional comments online. Giffels Webster is going through the latest information to create a report for review.

Property Updates:

Formerly Papa's Pizza - 28901 Southfield Road – is turning into Havana's Burgers and Tacos

Formerly Olga's - 17651 12 Mile Road – interior renovation happening. More details to come.

Bro's Eatery - 28851 Southfield Road – Should be opening soon!

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). Application to add a liquor license. Application will be reviewed at next Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 18, at 6:00 pm. Public comments are welcome.

MSOC:

First and Second Quarter Stats pulled together and turned in by July 31 deadline.

RFQ's/RFP's:

We will be requesting quotes/proposals for holiday décor, snow removal, and landscaping. Also, a RFQ will be revived for the city parcel that is open for development, north of city hall.

Tree Committee:

Received a \$75,000 DNR grant. More details to come on the projects to be supported with this grant.

For Your Calendar:

August Health Month: Tom Kennedy is leading the events for this activity and has partnered with Oakland Community College and Henry Ford Health System. CPR training had twelve attendees, eighteen are attending for balance trainings on Thursdays, and six attendees for Wednesday lectures. This Friday, August 14 is the Blood Drive from Noon – 5 pm.

Food Truck Friday – August 21 at 4:30 pm

Recast City – program with Southfield Chamber of Commerce, August 25 at the chamber, 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Event to introduce program to the chamber membership.

Road Rage 5K – August 29

September 12 (rain date 13) – LV Music Festival

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

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

Recommendation: To Receive and File