



City of Lathrup Village
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 Lathrup Village, MI 48076
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APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, & BOARDS

Date of Application: 2/18/2026

Please check the committee for which you are applying:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board of Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Development Authority (DDA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic District Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications & Engagement Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Name: Colin Walsh

Address: 19050 Wiltshire Blvd, Lathrup Village, MI 48076

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- Are you at least 18 years of age: YES NO
- Are you a registered voter in Lathrup Village: YES NO
- Have you been a resident of Lathrup Village for 1+ years: YES NO

A resume/CV is required with your application. Additionally, please include a letter that covers any additional information that clearly states your qualifications for serving on the committee you selected and why you believe you are the best fit to serve Lathrup Village.

Signature: Colin Walsh Date: 2/18/2026

Applicants must be in good standing with the City to be eligible for committee, commission, or board appointment. Any outstanding violations or payments associated with the applying individual or individuals' property may result in the submitted application being rejected.

Return completed application to:
 Lathrup Village – City Clerk, 27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076

Colin Walsh
 19050 Wiltshire Blvd
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To whomever it may concern at the Lathrup Village City Hall:

Hello—My name is Colin Walsh, and I have been a resident of Lathrup Village for just over a year. I am applying to join the Board of Review after gaining an appreciation for this small but immensely impactful civil service by going through it myself last summer.

Through the perfect storm of circumstances (an underwhelming realtor, a lost piece of mail, and a missed deadline), I found myself on the receiving end of an unexpectedly high tax bill last summer and became aware of a large disconnect between my home's SEV and purchase price. Because I did not learn of my situation until July, I was not eligible to appeal in the March forum, and I instead had the opportunity to work with our local assessors, Justin and Chris, to review and dispute my property's record card.

As a professional engineer, I think analytically and make data-driven decisions every day of my career. As someone who went through this process myself, I bring empathy, a basic familiarity with the process, and an understanding of my responsibility to both Lathrup Village and its people. As a sample of my relevant work, below is a snapshot of the chart I put together while disputing my own assessed value:

Date	Address	Year Built	Square Footage	Bedrooms	Bathrooms	Acreage	Sale Price	Assessed Value	SEV	"Market Value"	Value Delta	Ratio (Market Value / Sale Price)
1/10/2024	27568 Rainbow Cir, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	2001	2943	4	4	0.41	\$423,000	\$334,040	\$334,040	\$668,080	\$245,080	1.679
12/3/2024	19050 Wiltshire Blvd, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	1951	3169	5	3	0.46	\$411,500	\$291,270	\$291,270	\$582,540	\$171,040	1.416
12/21/2023	27470 Lathrup Blvd, Lathrup Village, MI 48076		1804	5	3.5		\$295,000	\$229,100	\$229,100	\$458,200	\$163,200	1.653
12/1/2023	18755 Cambridge Blvd, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	1954	2022	3	2	0.27	\$205,000	\$182,960	\$182,960	\$365,920	\$160,920	1.785
4/10/2025	17537 Roseland Blvd, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	1966	1894	4	3	0.21	\$210,000	\$173,200	\$173,200	\$346,400	\$136,400	1.650
10/4/2024	27848 Cathalton, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	2000	3629	4	4	0.42	\$387,200	\$255,000	\$255,000	\$510,000	\$122,800	1.317
2/1/2024	18830 San Quentin Dr, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	1959	3510	4	4	0.27	\$350,000	\$231,190	\$231,190	\$462,380	\$112,380	1.321
8/16/2024	28777 Sunset Blvd W, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	1959	2295	3	3	0.34	\$251,328	\$175,780	\$175,780	\$351,560	\$100,232	1.399
4/15/2025	28720 Eldorado Pl, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	1953	1788	3	3	0.34	\$215,000	\$155,220	\$155,220	\$310,440	\$95,440	1.444
6/3/2024	19091 Wiltshire Blvd, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	1951	2100	3	2	0.46	\$244,500	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$330,000	\$85,500	1.380
8/23/2024	18175 Avilla Blvd, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	1928	1531	3	2	0.23	\$188,500	\$135,550	\$135,550	\$271,100	\$82,600	1.438
9/20/2024	27680 Lathrup Blvd, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	1950	2501	3	3	0.2	\$300,000	\$187,760	\$187,760	\$375,520	\$75,520	1.252
4/1/2024	28021 Santa Barbara Dr, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	1940	3180	3	3	0.5	\$375,000	\$225,090	\$225,090	\$450,180	\$75,180	1.200

I have always wanted to find a way to serve my local community, but as a left-brained engineer, I've never had much interest in the combativeness of local politics. I see this as a great fit for my skill set and as an exciting opportunity to make a meaningful impact in our community.

Thank you in advance for considering me for this position.

Best regards,

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WORK EXPERIENCE:

Lear Corporation — Southfield, MI **February 2022 - Present**

Senior Product Engineer

- Developed and launched three Stellantis vehicle programs in Toluca, Mexico
- Coordinated \$2.5 million in program development cost optimizations
- Served as the North American regional lead for multiple AI automation project rollouts
- Became North American regional lead for IIHS/ENCAP whiplash protection

Stellantis N.V. (Contract: KCM Technical) — Auburn Hills, MI **January 2020 – December 2021**

Design Release Engineer – Seat Complete

- Directed first row seat complete development and integration for a pre-production vehicle program
- Reduced minivan program build complexity by 82% (175 to 31 buildable seat combinations)
- Identified and coordinated a \$1.8 million per year value optimization of seat trim covers
- Applied Shainin Red X problem solving tools to quarantine and replace 11,000 defective armrests before plant contamination
- Performed CAD studies, competitive benchmarks, and Pugh analyses to drive engineering decisions
- Led design reviews and open issue discussions with internal and supplier cross-functional teams

Lear Corporation — Southfield, MI **June 2018 – December 2019**

Test Engineer – Safety Systems

- Developed and performed DV and PV dynamic impact tests using a Seattle Safety ServoSled
- Reviewed CAD models and FEA reports for test fixtures, seat samples, and test simulations
- Supported DVP&R through data acquisition, high-speed motion analysis, and test report preparation
- Gained exposure to ECE, IIHS, NCAP, and GM SSTS 25 test specifications

EDUCATION:

Oakland University — Rochester, MI **April 2018**

Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering

- 3.91 GPA — summa cum laude graduate honors
- Presidential Scholar — four-year full academic scholarship

ADDITIONAL SKILLS:

- Computer-aided engineering (CAE): CATIA V5; NX; SolidWorks; GD&T; FEA; Teamcenter
- Project management: Gantt timing; Pugh decision matrices; open issues lists (OIL); technical writing and presentations; warranty analysis; Voice of Customer analysis
- Microsoft Office suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams, Visual Basic
- Palantir Foundry