

Lathrup Village Women's Club
Request for Partnership with the City of Lathrup Village 2026

To the City Council of Lathrup Village,

We respectfully submit our request to partner with the City of Lathrup Village. The following is information about our overall purpose, our contributions to the City and various charities, as well as our vision for the future. We appreciate your consideration.

WHO WE ARE

The Lathrup Village Women's Club (LVWC) is a philanthropic and social club, sustaining sisterhood and service for over 85 years in our community. Our mission statement is to support, enrich, and promote women and children while enhancing others by identifying the diverse needs of the community.

Lathrup Village benefits from community organizations like ours. We offer connection, purpose, and meaningful activities, especially for our seniors. In many instances, we are seniors serving seniors. Membership is open to all city residents, regardless of age, and those inside and outside Lathrup Village. In addition to significant volunteer work, LVWC presents programs at its meetings on subjects important to all residents, for example, how to avoid scams, fitness chair exercise, senior health care services, and gardening. All citizens are welcome to attend these enrichment programs.

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We have a new membership chairperson and strive to recruit and retain members. Our membership increased by three members this past year to 30.

The 2025 Holly Luncheon hosted 65 members and friends of Lathrup Village, up 21% from 2024.

We supported the following organizations with money raised from events, raffles, and personal donations.

- The City of Lathrup Village Community Room – \$3,000 raised for improvements
- The Detroit Goodfellows Dolls Program – 40 dressed dolls donated to holiday gift boxes for young girls
- Southfield Goodfellows Children's Drive – 16 children received items from their Christmas wish lists
- Urban Neighborhood Initiatives - \$1,000 donated for youth development and educational support
- St. David's Episcopal Church, Southfield – Collected plastic bags for making waterproof mats for the homeless
- The John D. Dingell VA Medical Center – Collected magazines, calendars, games, puzzles, playing cards, and hygiene products to donate

Our members volunteered at various city events like Winter Festival (24 hrs.), the Music Festival (12 hrs.), and the Nature Group's Garden Tour and Sarrackwood Park Cleanup (34 hrs.) All together, our club accrued 70 volunteer hours helping at those community-building events.

The LVWC played a key role in envisioning the need for the current Lathrup Village City Hall, and they raised funds to bring this vision to fruition. The LVWC was also instrumental in the creation of the Community Room and outfitting the commercial kitchen. Inspired by this tradition, our membership held an event called *The Estate Sale* in October 2025 and raised money dedicated to future improvements of the Lathrup Village Community Room. LVWC members and Lathrup residents contributed at least 180 volunteer hours planning, donating items to sell, and executing this worthwhile community event.

\$3,000 was raised in 2025 and has been placed in escrow, as verified by the City Administrator, to be used towards a mutually agreed-upon tangible Community Room project in the future.

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP

We would like to again offer 110 volunteer hours this year. Any City-sponsored activity taking place in Lathrup Village can call on LVWC for volunteers.

We look forward to hosting another *Estate Sale* this October 2026, with a commitment to escrow additional net proceeds for Community Room improvements, verified by the City Administrator.

OUR REQUESTS TO THE CITY

The Lathrup Village Women's Club (LVWC) respectfully makes the following requests for the use of City Resources.

-Community Room Use

1. October through May, 6 Mondays for three-hour general meetings.
2. A Monday – Thursday day (not a weekend) for The Annual Holly Luncheon in December, for six hours or four hours if a two-hour setup is possible the day before.
3. Two full days, a Friday and Saturday in October, to hold the LVWC Estate Sale (to be scheduled no later than May 31, 2026).

- *Conference Room* Use once per month on Mondays for Board meetings from August through May, 9 times, for two hours each meeting.

- *Picnic Shelter* Use the second Monday in September for four hours.

- *Storage:* Use the basement storage area at City Hall to store the Club's records, scrapbooks, and hospitality supplies.

Room usage time allotment includes setup/teardown time.

We also ask that the City promote our events when scheduled on the City website, email newsletter, and via banners/flyers (provided by LVWC).

In the event a room is used longer than allotted above, or if the room is not restored to a status as approved by the City Administrator or designee, a cleaning fee will be assessed and needs to be paid before the next usage. LVWC will be charged and pay the approved residential hourly rate.

The room usage allotment does not include usage of staff time or resources (ex: additional technology assistance, material printing, staff presentations, etc.)

We appreciate your consideration!

The Lathrup Village Women's Club, Serving Lathrup Village since 1939.

City Council Approval
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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

This Hold Harmless Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of **XXXXXX**, between The Lathrup Village Women's Club, hereinafter referred to as the "LVWC," and the City of Lathrup Village, located at 27400 Southfield Rd. Lathrup Village, MI 48076, hereinafter referred to as the "City."

1. Purpose: LVWC and the City are entering into a collaborative effort for the purpose of community benefit.
2. Hold Harmless Provision: LVWC agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officers, employees, agents, and representatives (collectively, the "City Parties") from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees (collectively, "Claims"), arising out of or in connection with LVWC activities, negligence, or breach of any obligation under this Agreement.
3. Exceptions: This indemnification obligation does not apply to Claims caused solely by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the City Parties.
4. Notice and Defense: In the event of any Claim against the City Parties, LVWC agrees to promptly notify the City in writing. LVWC further agrees to assume the defense of such Claim, including the selection of legal counsel, and shall keep the City reasonably informed of the progress of the defense.
5. Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Michigan, without regard to its conflict of law principles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Hold Harmless Agreement as of the date first above written.

Lathrup Village Women's Club

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