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Lathrup Village Community Skills Directory

Program Purpose

The Community Skills Directory would create a voluntary network of Lathrup Village residents willing to share their skills, knowledge, experience, or time with other members of the community.

The program would encourage neighbor-to-neighbor connections, provide residents with opportunities to volunteer their expertise, and strengthen the City's sense of community.

How It Would Work

Residents Submit Their Skills

Residents would complete a simple online form identifying areas where they are willing to help.

Examples could include:

- Home improvement and basic repairs
- Gardening and landscaping
- Technology and computer assistance
- Financial literacy
- Tutoring and academic assistance
- Language skills and translation
- Arts, crafts, and music
- Photography and videography
- Business and entrepreneurship
- Resume and job-search assistance
- Senior assistance
- Youth mentoring
- Pet care
- Bicycle repair
- Sewing and alterations
- Cooking and baking
- Community organizing
- Professional services
- Grant writing
- Legal or accounting knowledge
- Emergency preparedness
- Transportation assistance
- Other specialized skills

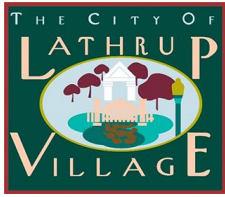
Residents could also identify whether they are willing to provide free assistance, volunteer time, instruction, mentoring, or simply answer questions.

Public Directory

The City would compile submissions into an online directory organized by category.

Example:

Category	Resident Volunteer	Skills/Services
Gardening	Jane D.	Vegetable gardening, native plants
Technology	John S.	Computer help, smartphone assistance
Home Repair	Mike R.	Basic carpentry, drywall
Tutoring	Sarah T.	Math, grades 6–12
Music	David L.	Guitar lessons
Business	Lisa M.	Resume writing, small business advice



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Residents Contact Volunteers Directly

A resident looking for assistance could search the directory by skill and contact the volunteer directly.

To protect residents' privacy, the directory will only publish the email and/or phone number provided by the submitter.

More Than a Directory

The program could eventually develop into a broader Community Skills Exchange, with the City periodically highlighting volunteers and creating opportunities for residents to share their expertise.

Potential programs could include:

- Resident-led workshops
- "Ask a Neighbor" sessions
- Technology help days
- Gardening workshops
- Home maintenance seminars
- Financial literacy sessions
- Career/resume workshops
- Youth mentorship opportunities
- Community skill-sharing events

Resident Registration Form

Basic Information

- Name
- Preferred contact method
- Email address
- Phone number

What skills would you like to share?

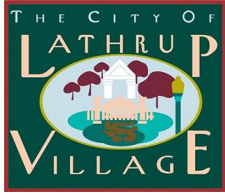
- Select one or more categories
- Describe your skills or experience

How would you like to help?

- Answer questions
- Provide one-time assistance
- Provide ongoing assistance
- Teach a class/workshop
- Mentor another resident
- Volunteer at community events
- Other

Availability

- Weekdays
- Evenings
- Weekends
- Flexible



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Cost

- Free volunteer assistance
- Willing to discuss compensation directly with resident
- Other

Publication Permission

I authorize the City of Lathrup Village to include the information I have provided in the Community Skills Directory and make that information available to other members of the community.

Program Disclaimer

The Community Skills Directory is intended to facilitate connections between Lathrup Village residents. Participation is voluntary, and the City does not endorse, recommend, supervise, or guarantee the qualifications, conduct, services, or work of any participating resident. Residents are responsible for determining whether a volunteer is appropriate for their needs and for establishing any terms, costs, or arrangements directly with one another. The City is not responsible for disputes, injuries, damages, or other claims arising from interactions between participants.