



CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE

Outdoor Rental Policies and Procedures

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why do Lathrup Village residents have to pay to use the parks?**
 - Lathrup Village's five parks remain open to public (resident or non-resident) use during posted hours of operation. Paying for a rental of the park provides exclusive use of certain park features, such as the Gazebo or Pavilion in Municipal Park. Renting the park provides event organizers with the peace of mind and security that the facility will be able to accommodate their needs on any given day. Unorganized events and park users remain welcome to utilize the park freely when not in conflict with permitted users.

- **How do these new policies benefit Lathrup Village residents?**
 - The new policies provide many benefits to Lathrup Village residents. Those wishing to take advantage of their parks to host private or community events will be able to do so with city permission. New rates heavily favor residents and community groups to stimulate community involvement. New rates and rules are designed to properly manage the parks and issue permits for activities that are consistent with the spirit of our neighborhood parks. Additionally, the updated rates, which are in line with neighboring municipalities, will bring in additional revenue to the city. Lastly, the new policies and procedures are simplified and streamlined, which will decrease the time and effort associated with renting our facilities for both users and staff.

- **Will groups that provide community service to Lathrup Village receive discounted rates as they have in the past?**
 - Absolutely, non-profits, Lathrup Village community groups and Lathrup Village businesses will receive considerable discounts in rental rates compared to others. Additionally, a new Community Service Credit program will record the services provided by groups and individuals which benefit the people of Lathrup Village. These earned credits can be applied to pay for facility usage thereby further reducing or eliminating fees.

- **Will renters of Municipal Park be able to use the bathrooms in City Hall?**
 - Yes, however large gatherings are encouraged to rent their own portable toilets.

- **How will rentals be managed between Municipal Park and the Community Room?**
 - Events at Municipal Park and the Community Room may be held at the same time at the discretion of the staff. Focus will be on ensuring we can accommodate the needs of renters, so that everyone can have an enjoyable event.

- **How were the new policies determined?**
 - Revised policies were drafted based on a thorough review of current policies, as well as a review of other local communities' policies, national best practices, staff in-put, and feedback from residents. The policies and rental rates were reviewed by the City Administrator and approved by the City Council on May 20, 2019.

- **How will residents be informed of the changes?**
 - The policies will be updated on lathrupvillage.org, signage will be posted at the parks and hard copies will be available at City Hall by request.

- **How and when will the new policies be re-evaluated?**
 - The revised policies will be re-evaluated after one year through a survey to residents and feedback from staff.

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