

Dear Westland Resident,

As of late March 2007, the geophysical evaluation of Central City Park has been completed - and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - or MDEQ - is going forth with its work plan that includes the next round of testing.

By early April the MDEQ is slated to begin borings - or "geoprobe" work which entails drilling into the ground to obtain soil and groundwater samples. According to the MDEQ, multiple samples will be extracted from an estimated 60 to 100 borings at various depths throughout the park. Ultimately, this will help collect information that the MDEQ, Wayne County, and the City of Westland will use to develop a plan for cleaning up the park.

The MDEQ recommends that excavation work follow the geoprobe studies in an effort to identify buried containers and other potentially hazardous materials.

Should you have any questions on the information above, please call the Central City Park information line (888) 7CC-PARK. In addition to providing the updated information above, the information line also allows one to voice their questions and concerns and each phone call will be returned by the Mayor's Office.

Furthermore, as the weather improves many of us are starting to think more about outdoor recreation. Please note that I have been working closely with both the Westland Parks & Recreation Department and many of our local athletic associations to ensure that there is no interruption of athletic seasons. To obtain information regarding the continuation of upcoming spring and summer athletics such as baseball, softball, or soccer, please contact the Westland Parks and Recreation Department during regular business hours at (734) 722-7620.

In closing, please note that this page will be updated as new information becomes available. Should you have any questions you may always call my office at (734) 467-3200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W R Wild", is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

Mayor William R. Wild