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City of Westland Names New Deputy Director of the Department of Innovation and Technology



Westland, MI (September 23, 2020) - The City of Westland has named a new Deputy Director of the Department of Innovation and Technology, Phineas Cody. His official start date was September 15, 2020.

Phineas, who goes by Cody, started his IT career with the City of Detroit as a Helpdesk Technician. After serving Detroit for 22 years, Cody moved on to serve for nearly 2 years the City of Westland and then the City of Inkster for 2 years in areas of IT business operations and IT project management. Cody has a Bachelor of Science and a Masters in Business Administration in Information Technology and Project Management from the Colorado Technical University. Cody holds various IT certifications that include Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) Foundation Service Strategy, CompTIA Network+, and Microsoft Certified Professional and is a member of the Project Management Institution.

"I am honored and excited to once again join the DoIT Team in the City of Westland," commented Cody. "Mayor Wild's administrative team is comprised of very talented individuals who believe that innovation can drive customer service and I look forward to helping to further the City's technological advancements."

Resumes, applications, and writing samples were collected via job postings interviews were conducted by a panel consisting of the Human Resource department, The Director of Innovation and Technology and an outside independent interviewer.

"I am very excited about the addition of Phineas Cody to our Department. When he worked with us previously, he showed a tremendous amount of ability in this field and being able to return him to the fold in an expanded role will allow us the opportunity to fully utilize his skills and personality to continue providing the best service we can to the residents of Westland," remarked Mayor William R. Wild.

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Westland, Michigan is the state's 10th largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000 people who exhibit a great deal of pride in their All-American City. Westland has a thriving business community along with beautiful residential areas. The citizens enjoy a wide array of amenities and a quality of life that is second to none.

In 2014, Westland was rated as one of 24/7 Wall Street's *America's Best 50 Cities to Live*, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single-family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel. Westland Police Department, whose motto is protect and serve, provides emergency dispatch services to four cities and over 100,000 residents; the Westland Fire Department are licensed paramedics who responded to over 9,000 calls for service last year, about 85% being medical based. They never forget their mission of preserving life and property.

Westland is well-known as the premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland Shopping Center, one of the country's original four regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts; Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the *Best School in Michigan* by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed state averages and the District has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Our Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently on a development plan will "cut the red tape" and expedite the approval process for new business development.

