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**This Week in Westland December 5, 2020 - December 13, 2020**

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**Scheduled Upcoming Civic Meetings** – Residents are invited to attend the upcoming City Meetings. Below is a list of the meetings with their date, time and location:

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Strategic Planning Virtual Session will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Strategic Planning session is to provide focus on the City's efforts to provide for a Diverse and Inclusive Environment. This meeting will be held via zoom. Please visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) for the link to join the meeting.
- The Westland City Council will hold their meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held via zoom. Please visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) for the link to join the meeting. Please click [here](#) for the agenda.
- The Tax Increment Finance Authority Board Meeting (TIFA) will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. via zoom. Please visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) for the link to join the meeting. Please click [here](#) for the agenda.

Due to these trying times, The City of Westland has a variety of food assistance for our residents:

- The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Food Pantry Program – will be distributing food for people who are in need of food assistance from their pantry on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 and Friday, December 11, 2020 from 9 am – 11 am. Face masks are required, and can be provided if needed. They are located at 2300 S. Venoy Rd, Westland, you can call them at (734)722-3660. Please share with anyone you know who could use some help during these turbulent times.
- Gleaners Free Food Distribution will be on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The food distribution will be at Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center located at 32150 Dorsey Road.

City of Westland Mayor William R. Wild, City of Wayne Mayor John P. Rhasea,

**Wayne–Ford Civic League President Vic Barra hold their annual Holiday Meals for Wayne–Westland Veterans and Active Duty Families.** Recipients will receive a turkey (16–20 lbs.) stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans to feed a family of 6–8 people. The meal is free. All you need to do is register at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) and click on the veterans link. Applications must be submitted by **Wednesday, December 9, 2020**. If you have any questions please contact Mayor Wild's office at 734–467–3200.

**Fourth Annual Veterans Virtual Resource Fair Honoring Women Veterans – On December 10, 2020 10 a.m – 2 p.m.** There will be vendors & resource providers to assist with Health Care, Foreclosure Prevention, Employment, Housing, Utility Assistance & More. Please click [here](#) for the link to join the meeting.

**The Westland Police Department** is offering all eligible residents an opportunity to win a new Ring doorbell camera. Please visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) to enter and for the conditions and terms.

**Westland Businesses Promote Job Opportunities through Westland Works –** There are many job opportunities with businesses throughout Westland. Please visit Westland Works tab at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) for the businesses hiring.

**The "All American Holiday Decorating Contest"** runs through **December 31**. Residents can visit the City of Westland's website [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) to nominate themselves or a friend in one or all of the three categories. Best Traditional Display, Most Creative Display and Over the Top Display. Nominees will be asked to enter a picture along with their submission. Winners will be announced at the **January 18th Council Meeting**.

For more information, please call (734) 467–3200.

Westland, Michigan is the state's 10<sup>th</sup> largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000.

Westland has been recognized 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 is well known as a 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 schools 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. Westland's Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to "cut the red tape" and expedite the approval process for new business development.