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Westland to Hold Virtual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration



Westland, MI (January 5, 2021) - The City of Westland's *Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration* will take place virtually on Monday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m. The pre-recorded event will consist of a look

back at previous celebrations Westland has hosted over the years to honor Dr. King's legacy. Highlights include excerpts from notable keynote speakers such as Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon, Andrew Humphry of WDIV, Huel Perkins of Fox 2, Honorable Judge Cynthia Stephens, Journalist and Talk Show Host, Mildred Gaddis and Wayne County Community College Superintendent, Dr. Curtis Ivery and others. The event will also showcase past years of musical performances and the City's *Freedom Walks*, which were conducted to honor all of those who marched with Dr. King over 50 years ago.

"The City of Westland has celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. King for over 15 years," commented Mayor Wild. "We continue that tradition in a virtual format, this year and reflect on the messages of the past that still hold true today."

You can view this year's virtual celebration on WLND (Comcast channel 12, Wide Open West channel 10 and AT&T U-Verse channel 99), Facebook and WLND's YouTube Channel.

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

Westland, Michigan is the state's 10th 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.