

Press Release

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This Week in Westland January 9, 2021 - January 17, 2021

Christmas Tree Recycling – Westland residents can drop off their Christmas trees at the Recycling Center at the DPS building located at 37137 Marquette during regular operating hours **Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. through January 16th.** Trees should be free of decorations. As part of the city's Mission Green Initiative, all trees received will be chipped and recycled for use at the City of Westland Community Garden and other locations. You can also put your Christmas trees on the curb the day of your trash pick up through **Friday, January 15, 2021.** Trees taken to the curb will not be recycled. For more information please call 734-728-1770.

Gleaners Free Food Distribution 30 pounds of nutritious food will be distributed on **Tuesday, January 12, 2021** from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The food distribution will be at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center located at 31250 Dorsey Road.

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:

- **Tax Increment Finance Authority** will hold their meeting on **Tuesday, January 12, 2021** at 8:00 a.m. This meeting will be held via zoom please visit www.cityofwestland.com for the link. Please click [here](#) for the agenda.
- **The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission** will hold their meeting on **Wednesday, January 13, 2021** at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held via zoom please visit www.cityofwestland.com for the link. Please click [here](#) for the agenda.

WESTLAND CARES Rent/Mortgage Relief Fund– There is a program to assist low to moderate income families whose income has been negatively affected by COVID-19. The City will provide emergency rent or mortgage payments for households whose income has been affected due to job loss or medical costs. Preference is

given to those applicants who deferred rent/mortgage payments during the moratorium. Payments will be made directly to the rental owner/ mortgage company. Apply online by going to www.cityofwestland.com or by phone at 734-713-3711.

Westland Partners with Wayne County to Launch Free Drive Thru COVID-19 Testing Clinic – The City of Westland has established a free drive thru COVID-19 testing clinic to assist in the Wayne County COVID Testing. Residents will have no out of pocket expenses for testing. However, if insurance information is available, it will be collected for the laboratory testing fees. There is no pre-registration or appointments needed. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Residents can expect to receive their results within 2-3 days, which will be shared via email, phone call or text message. The testing will take place in the parking lot of Westland Friendship Center located at 1119 Newburgh Road. The testing hours will be **Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

William P. Faust Library located at 6123 Central City Parkway will begin **Phase II** of their opening on **Monday, January 11, 2021.** Phase II includes: Lobby Services: online and outdoor programs, limited building access, occupancy & computer access. During this phase you may borrow a wireless hotspot, browse/check out new and popular materials, one 30 minute computer session a day, printing and photocopying, pick up holds/ other items from collection, register/ renew your library card and take home activities for all ages. For more information visit www.westlandlibrary.org

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 for the businesses hiring.

The Westland Police Department is offering all eligible residents an opportunity to win a new Ring doorbell camera. Please visit www.cityofwestland.com to enter and for the conditions and terms.

Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center – located at 31250 Dorsey Road has opened their library on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. No library card is required, everyone is welcome. All programs are free.

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.