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**This Week in Westland January 16, 2021 - January 24, 2021**

City Offices will be Closed in Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – All City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This includes the 18th District Court and The William P. Faust Westland Public Library. Trash and recycling pick up will not be affected due to the closure.

Westland's Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will take place virtually on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The pre-recorded event will consist of a look back at previous celebrations Westland has hosted. This can be viewed at WLND (Comcast channel 12, Wide Open West channel 10 and AT&T U-verse channel 99), Facebook and WLND You Tube Channel.

**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:**

- **The Westland City Council** will hold a **Study Session** on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** The study session will discuss the annual audit by Plante Moran for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and the second quarter financial report. This meeting will be conducted via zoom, please visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) for the link to join. Please click [here](#) for the agenda.
- **The Westland City Council** will hold their **Council Meeting** on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted zoom, please visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) for the link to join. Please click [here](#) for the agenda.
- **The Zoning Board of Appeals** will hold their meeting on **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted via zoom, please visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) for the link to join. Please click [here](#) for the agenda.

**Commodities Distribution for January** – The City of Westland will be distributing surplus Federal food at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center on **Friday,**

January 22, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up their commodities. The distribution will be chicken breast, corn, sliced peaches, chili, rice, whole wheat rotini, dried pitted plums, and possibly additional items. Questions may be answered by calling surplus food hotline at (734)595-0366.

**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](http://www.cityofwestland.com) or by phone at 734-713-3711.

**Westland Partners with Wayne County for 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.**

**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 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.

**William P. Faust Library** located at 6123 Central City Parkway is in **Phase II** of their reopening. **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](http://www.westlandlibrary.org)

**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.

**Mike Modano Ice Arena Open Skate**– on **Sunday, January 24th** the Mike Modano Ice Arena, located at 6210 N. Wildwood, will begin open skating every Sunday from 1:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 p.m. – 9:20 p.m. The capacity is

limited to 30 people and masks are required at all times. The cost is \$6 for children and \$7 for adults with a \$4 skate rental fee for Westland Residents and \$5 skate rental for non-residents.

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.