

Press Release

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This Week in Westland January 23, 2021 - January 31 , 2021

Employee Assistance Grant – The Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association Educational Foundation is administering this grant program. **The grant is only open until January 25th at 9:00 a.m.** Employees working in the following industries qualify: Restaurants, Hotels, Motels, Bed & Breakfast, Resorts, Bars, Food Trucks, Bowling Alleys, Theaters, Nightclubs, Golf Courses, Banquet Halls, Caterers, Casinos, Cafeterias, Other impacted industries. Please visit <https://www.mrlaef.org/employee-assistance-grants> for more information and to apply.

Scheduled Upcoming Civic Meetings – Residents are invited to attend the upcoming City Meetings via zoom. Please visit www.cityofwestland for the links to join the meetings. Below is a list of the meetings with their date, time and location:

- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** will hold their meeting on **Monday, January 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** Please click [here](#) for the agenda.
- **Marijuana Business Review Board** will hold their meeting on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** This meeting will be conducted **in person** at Westland City Hall located at 36300 Warren Road. Please click [here](#) for the agenda.
- **The Historical Commission Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will take place at 857 N. Wayne Road.
- **The Downtown Development Authority** will hold their meeting on **Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.** Please click [here](#) for the agenda.

Gleaners Free Food Distribution – Families and individuals in need of food are encouraged to attend upcoming drive up distributions provided by Gleaners Community Food Bank. **On Tuesday, January 26, February 9 and February 23 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** at Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center located at 32150 Dorsey Road, 30 pounds of groceries, items like milk, fresh fruits, vegetables, lean protein and other shelf-stable items will be distributed. There is

no appointment needed, nor identification or proof of eligibility to receive food. You may pick up for another household as well without their presence in the car.

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 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 are **Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Westland Businesses Promote Job Opportunities through Westland Works –Are you looking for a job? 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.

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

Mike Modano Ice Arena Open Skate– the Mike Modano Ice Arena, located at 6210 N. Wildwood, has 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 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.