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Westland Kicks Off "Sunshine Week" By Launching New Financial and Community Performance Transparency Dashboard

Westland, MI (March 15, 2021) - The City of Westland has launched a new financial and community performance dashboard available at www.cityofwestland.com.

The new dashboard, powered by Michigan-based Munetrix, provides an insider's look at the city's financial health by providing a convenient and easy-to-navigate portal for multi-year data regarding where the city's money comes from and where its spent. Also included on the dashboard are other relevant financial reports and community data insights.

The launch has coincided with "Sunshine Week," which is an annual nationwide initiative that acknowledges the importance of open government. "Sunshine Week" was established in 2005 and occurs every year in mid-March, along with James Madison's birthday and National Freedom of Information Day on March 16th. This year, "Sunshine Week" falls on the week of March 14th - March 20th and Westland's new, transparency focused dashboard will launch on Monday, March 15.

The City of Westland previously launched a Police Transparency Dashboard in September of 2020 which provides up-to-date transparency information about the police department to the public. The dashboard shows crime rates, arrest data, citation data, citizen complaints, officer use of force and training data for all of the department's 81 sworn officers and 25 civilian employees.

Both dashboards are available year-round at www.cityofwestland.com.

"Westland remains committed to practices that promote transparency," commented Mayor Wild. "Transparency is inextricably linked to good governing and public trust."

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

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.