



MAYOR
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Mayor William R. Wild Announces Several Board and Commission Appointments June, 2021

Westland, MI (June 8, 2021) Mayor William R. Wild announced the following appointments to the Board of Review, Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority (CWCSA), Commission on Aging, Compassionate City Committee, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission, Housing Commission and Parks & Recreation Advisory Council.

Board of Review

Karri Beebe has been appointed as an alternate member for a three-year term expiring June 7, 2024. Ms. Beebe currently works as a staff accountant for Walnut Services, Inc.

Established by the City of Westland Charter, Section (13.7), and Michigan General Property Tax Law, the Board reviews the annual assessment roll and hears appeals of real and personal property assessments.

Westland City Council confirmed this appointment at the June 7, 2021 Council Meeting.

Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority (CWCSA)

Mayor Wild has been reappointed as Delegate effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. **Steven Smith** has been reappointed as an alternate member effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority operates the incinerator used by Westland, Wayne, Inkster, Garden City and Dearborn Heights.

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Commission on Aging

Mary Underwood has been appointed for a two year term expiring May, 2023. She has been a volunteer with the Senior Alliance delivering food. Ms. Underwood has also worked with seniors through AARP Tax Aide Program.

The Commission on Aging assists the Senior Resources Department Director in promoting the enrichment of the lives of senior citizens.

Compassionate City Committee

Rodney Donald has been reappointed to the Compassionate City Committee for one year term expiring in May, 2022. Mr. Donald is a Westland Police Officer and has been a volunteer in the community for several different groups.

Jo Anne Downing has been reappointed to the Compassionate City Committee for a one year term expiring in May, 2022. Ms. Downing has been a Westland resident for 54 years and belongs to several compassionate groups.

Jon Dubois has been reappointed to the Compassionate City Committee for a one year term expiring in May, 2022. Mr. Dubois currently works for Ford Motor Company.

Heather Jones has been reappointed to the Compassionate City Committee for a one year term expiring in May, 2022. Ms. Jones is a 10 year resident of Westland. She is a medical receptionist at PPTS.

Eric Stoddard has been reappointed to the Compassionate City Committee for one year term expiring May, 2022. Mr. Stoddard is a Hamtramck firefighter. He is a member of the Jaycees and VFW 0995 Auxiliary.

Jennifer Swartz has been reappointed to the Compassionate City Committee for one year term expiring May, 2022. Ms. Swartz is an Air Force Veteran and a Nurse with 11 years of service.

Shannon Ziegler has been reappointed to the Compassionate City Committee for one year term expiring May, 2022. Ms. Ziegler has spent the last seven years working for a local non-profit.

The Compassionate City Committee assists with identifying members of the community that have made a positive impact in the community with a random act of kindness or gesture to help an individual or organization.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission

Charles Corley II has been appointed to an unexpired term for the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission. Mr. Corley currently works at Ford Motor Company. He has volunteered as a mentor for youth in the city.

Chisa Pinion has been appointed to an unexpired term for the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission expiring October, 2021. Ms. Pinion has worked in supervisory and management roles and is an advocate for our community.

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission (DEI) Commission promotes, supports and advocates for the vision and values around diversity, equity and inclusion at all levels.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Council

Chris Galatis has been appointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a term expiring in December, 2021. Mr. Galatis currently works at The City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the Parks & Recreation Department.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Council assists and advises the City with various agencies and programs, conducts outreach, enrollment, training, and orientation; development programs and activities, makes recommendations regarding the acquisition, development, and administration of properties with recreational activities.

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Westland Housing Commission

Elizabeth Forbes has been reappointed to the Westland Housing Commission for a five year term expiring in June, 2026. Ms. Forbes will also serve on the Westland Taylor Corp. She has been serving on the Westland Housing Commission since 2013.

The Westland Housing Commission manages the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

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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.