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## Westland Blues, Brews & BBQ is Back



**Westland, MI (July 22, 2021)** - Southeast Michigan's top BBQ pitmasters are lining up to participate in Westland's signature event of the year, Blues, Brews and BBQ at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park. Held August 6-7, Blues, Brews and BBQ will feature several talented musicians, all American barbecue and a selection of Michigan craft beers. The event will take place on Friday, August 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and will continue on Saturday, August 7. On Saturday, family admission will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for *Family Fun Time* and general admission opens at 4:00 p.m., with the event ending at 11:00 p.m. Parking for this event will be free this year at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park, with overflow parking at John Glenn High School, the Friendship Senior Center, and William D. Ford Career Technical Center as well. Free shuttle buses will be provided from the three overflow parking locations on Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Once again, the event will feature professional pit-master BBQ'ers Hill Billy Bone BBQ, Heaven on a Roll, Old Dads BBQ, The Grill Father, and Smokehouse 52 BBQ with their professional on-site, slow cooked, authentic BBQ. Some additions outside the traditional BBQ realm will be Harvest Kettle Corn, Detroit Mini Donut, Big Dog Hot Dogs, and Redd Ventures. The event will also feature a wide selection of Michigan craft beers.

On Friday night, attendees will be treated to some of the area's most notable Blues acts with Monsieur Guillaume and His Zydeco Hepcats kicking it off at 5:00 p.m. Taking the stage next will be The Boa Constrictors, performing from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and then Friday's headlining act, Broken Arrow Blues, will finish the night from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The fun rolls right into Saturday with *Family Fun Time* kicking off at 2 p.m. Afterwards, The Joe Stanley Trio will begin playing at 4:00 p.m. From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Drew Schultz & the Broken Habits will take the stage and then the headline act - Thornetta Davis from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

***Westland's Fire Department is also partnering with Kroger in order to distribute COVID-19 vaccines on site during the event.***

But wait....there's more! The event closes on Saturday with our All American Firework Celebration you won't want to miss and to a special tribute drone show to honor the city's 55th anniversary!

"It has been truly incredible to watch this event grow for the past 10 years and we are so excited to bring it back to the community just in time to celebrate the city's 55th anniversary;" commented Mayor William R. Wild. "In addition to being a perfect way to spend a summer weekend, proceeds benefit a number of Westland charities. Proceeds from this event benefit local civic organizations to support their charitable work locally in Westland. To date, this event has raised and given back to the community nearly \$250,000."

Stay up to date on all the latest news and updates about this landmark event by visiting <https://www.cityofwestland.com/637/Westland-Blues-Brews-and-Barbecue> and a complete list of this year's sponsors who made the 2021 Blues, Brews and BBQ event possible!

**For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at (734) 467-3200.**

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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.