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Detroit Blues Legend Thornetta Davis to Headline Westland's Blues, Brews and BBQ

Westland, MI (July 26, 2021) - Westland's Blues, Brews and BBQ event is known around the region for bringing together some of the greatest musical talent the metro Detroit area has to offer. Sure to rock the socks off the crowd, this year's event features some familiar faces as well as some BBB newcomers. The City of Westland is proud to announce that Thornetta Davis will once again headline the event on Saturday evening. Known as Detroit's Queen of the Blues, Thornetta Davis is an American Detroit singer and songwriter. She has a vast history of performing and has opened for artists such as Etta James and Gladys Knight as well as working with musicians such as Kid Rock and Alberta Adams. She has released two full length solo albums and is the winner of over 30 Detroit Music Awards. Thornetta Davis takes the stage on Saturday, August 7 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



The two-day event is full of talented musicians who will entertain the crowd throughout. On Friday, August 6, ***Monsieur Guillaume and His Zydeco Hepcats*** will kick off the night of Blues music at 5:00 p.m. Monsieur Guillaume and His Zydeco Hepcats are a Detroit Zydeco band, combining authentic Southwest Louisiana Flavor with real Southeast Michigan grit. Following that performance, ***The Boa Constrictors*** take the stage at 6:30 p.m. The Boa Constrictors are a Detroit Blues band with a rockabilly twist.



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The final act of Friday evening is **Broken Arrow Blues**, who will entertain the crowd from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Broken Arrow Blues is an award winning Blues Band out of Detroit, fronted by Shadowhawk Ellis with Legendary Bassman, Gary Rasmussen and Rich Hwang. High Energy performances and Top Shelf world class musicianship make this trio a force on any stage worldwide.



The fun rolls right into Saturday, August 7 with **Family Fun Time** going from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be crafts, inflatables, interactive activities, music and more! Up next, **The Joe Stanley Trio** will begin playing at 4:00 p.m. The "old school" feel and tone of Detroit based guitarist/vocalist Joe Stanley is immediately recognizable. Wowing audiences for the last 20+ years in many different scenarios, Stanley has honed his unique and soulful approach playing beside some of the cities heaviest hitters. A rarity for male frontman, Joe has full command of his vocals and searing guitar skills while diligently leading the band. With his blend of Detroit bred Blues, Funk, soul, and rock & roll, Joe Stanley is set to bring back "the good stuff" to the city he loves.



From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. the event will showcase performances by **Drew Schultz & the Broken Habits**. The bands leader, Drew Schultz, is a drummer that has worked with an extensive list of celebrities in the music industry, including Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, and many more. He and his band create a sound that mixes together funk, soul, jazz, and Motown.



When the music stops on Saturday, stick around for the *All American Firework Show*, beginning at 10:00 p.m. You can get more event information on Blues, Brews and BBQ by visiting <https://www.cityofwestland.com/637/Westland-Blues-Brews-and-Barbecue>

For more information, contact the Mayors Office at (734) 467-3200.

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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.