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## **Westland to Celebrate Halloween with Annual MALLoween and Decorating Contest**

**Westland, MI (October 4, 2021)** -Once again the City of Westland will celebrate the spooky season throughout October.

### ***MALLoween***

This year marks the return of the City's annual **MALLoween** event. This year's event will be a trunk-or-treat and will take place in the J.C. Penney Parking lot of the Westland Shopping Center on Wednesday, October 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **The event is free and open to everyone** and will include a trick-or-treat trail filled with candy, music and other entertainment. Attendees age 12 and under are encouraged to dress in costume and must be accompanied by an adult.

### ***Halloween Decorating Contest***

As in years past, the City of Westland will be holding a **Halloween Decorating Contest** which kicks off on October 4 and will run through November 1.

Residents can visit the City of Westland's website to nominate themselves or a friend in one or all of the three categories: *Best Autumn Display*, *Best Spooky Display* and *Most Over the Top Display*. Nominees will be asked to enter a picture along with their submission.

"The Department of Neighborhood Services team will be out and about in neighborhoods in search of those residents who have showcased their creativity and helped to bring the autumn/Halloween aesthetic to the community," commented Mayor Wild. "As our Neighborhood Services team spends their days throughout our Westland neighborhoods, they will once again be the judges for the contest and will make the final decision on who wins."

Winners will be announced and awarded with prizes at the council meeting on Monday, November 15.

### ***Trick-or-Treating***

As a reminder for Westland residents, the City of Westland does not regulate trick-or-treating or its hours. We recommend all kids (especially those under

12) are supervised and to ensure that at least one child in every group is equipped with a flashlight. To prepare your own home for trick or treaters, make sure your front porch or steps are well lit and free of anything kids may trip over.

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

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Westland, Michigan is the state's 10<sup>th</sup> 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.