



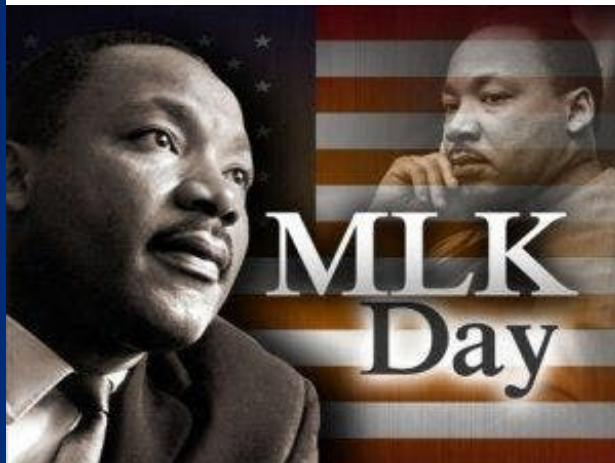
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### City of Westland to Hold Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Ceremony



**Wayne County Sheriff Raphael  
“Ray” Washington**

**Westland, MI**– The City of Westland will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with their annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr ceremony on **Monday, January 17th**.

The annual celebration will take place at Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Rd. beginning with a short Freedom Walk at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting. The Freedom Walk will honor those who marched with Dr. King during Detroit's Walk to Freedom 59 years ago.

City Hall doors will open beginning at 8:30 a.m.. The program is set to begin at 10:00 a.m. and will include inspiring messages from Mayor William R. Wild as well as other state and local elected officials. Wayne County Sheriff Raphael “Ray” Washington will deliver the Keynote Address. Light refreshments will be provided by the Westland Police Community Partnership Committee.

“This year, I am honored to welcome Sheriff Ray Washington and our other esteemed guests and speakers to our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony,” says Mayor Wild. “We honor Dr. King by remembering his life, legacy and vision and by reflecting on how we can best live up to his dream today.”

**What: Martin Luther King Ceremony**

**When: Monday, January 17, 2022**

**Where: Westland City Hall - 36300 Warren Rd.**

**Time: Freedom Walk from beginning at Westland City Hall at 9:00 am with the official ceremony to begin at 10:00 am.**

Attendees are encouraged to wear masks while attending.

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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.