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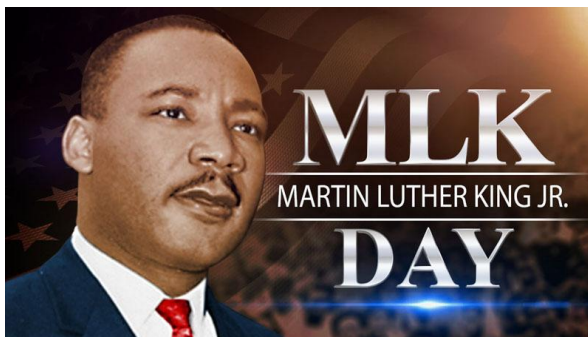
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Wayne County Sheriff to Deliver Keynote Address for Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Ceremony



Westland, MI– Wayne County Sheriff Raphael 'Ray' Washington will deliver the Keynote Address at the City of Westland's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony on Monday, January 17, 2022.

A career spanning more than 35 years, Sheriff Washington heads the agency, running three jail facilities, Road Patrol, Marine Unit, Mounted Unit and also provides supplemental law enforcement in collaboration with each of the 43 cities and townships in the jurisdiction.

Spending his life as a resident of Wayne County, Sheriff Washington is deeply involved in the community including serving as the Director of Security for Greater Grace Temple and Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. Sheriff Washington is married to Keysha Washington, a veteran law enforcement professional in her own right. Together, they have two children and three grandchildren.

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 am. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include inspiring messages from Mayor William R. Wild, other state and local elected officials, as well as Sheriff Washington's keynote address.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Westland Police Community Partnership Committee.

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.

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

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Westland, Michigan is the state's 10th 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.