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## Exciting New Ventures Set to Transform Westland's Restaurant and Retail Offerings while Thriving Businesses Reinvest in Existing Locations

**Westland, MI (September 28, 2023)** - The City of Westland continues to welcome a wave of new businesses eager to contribute to the city's economic growth and development. With a rich history and a bright future, Westland is poised to become an even more vibrant and thriving community.

"We are thrilled to see new businesses choosing Westland as their home," commented Mayor Michael P. Londeau. "These investments are a testament to our city's potential and the welcoming atmosphere we have cultivated. We are confident that these new ventures will enhance our local economy, create jobs, and provide valuable services for our residents."

Among the new businesses slated to open in Westland, several noteworthy retail additions include:



**Ross Dress For Less** - Is planning a move into the Westridge Shopping Center,

located at 35655 Warren Rd. Their new location will take the space vacated by Bed Bath and Beyond earlier this year, when the company filed bankruptcy in 2023 and announced hundreds of store closings. Ross Dress for Less is the nation's largest off-price retail chain with over 1700 locations nationwide. The discount retailer also plans to undertake major interior and exterior renovations, investing more than \$1.25 million into their new Westland store.



**Bath and Body Works** - While not new to Westland, Bath and Body Works has plans in place to move from the Westland Shopping Center into the Westridge Shopping Center at 35645 Warren Rd. Construction began in August of this year to customize the interior of the space and the new location is expected to open in October of 2023.



**Dollar Tree** - The former CVS, located at 7250 Venoy will soon house a brand new Dollar Tree. Investments into their new location are estimated at \$300K. Dollar Tree carries a broad, exciting mix of consumable, variety, and seasonal merchandise that includes many trusted national and regional brands. This will be the retailer's 5th location in Westland and they operate over 15,000 stores nationwide.

For residents and visitors to Westland seeking additional restaurant/food offerings, a number of new businesses are opening locations including:



**Dougie's Ice Cream** - Recently opened at 29207 Joy Rd. in a building that has been vacant for over a decade. The owners of Dougie's invested over \$230,000 into their location which is equipped with a large outdoor seating area. They offer 24 different flavors of custard along with sundaes, splits, flurries and shakes.



**Ex Wife's Famous Chicken** - The long awaited grand opening for Ex Wife's Famous Chicken officially took place on September 18. Their new Westland location is connected to Lefty's Cheesesteak and is located at 7058 N. Wayne Rd. This new restaurant has burst on the Metro Detroit food scene, offering made-to-order sandwiches, salads and tenders.



**Shish Kabob Express** - A major facelift is underway for the Wayne Road Plaza which involves an investment of over \$100,000 and the opening of a new restaurant, Shish Kabob Express at 906 S. Wayne Rd. This new location will be the 5th in Southeast Michigan and features healthy Mediterranean cuisine and raw juices.



**McCalister's Deli** - On Monday, September 18 the Westland City Council approved an extension to a site plan for the construction of a new McCalister's Deli, located at 36101 Warren Rd. The popular sandwich shop operates over 500 restaurants in 28 states, specializing in fresh deli sandwiches, soup, salads and gourmet potatoes.



In addition to all of the new business activity underway, a vast number of Westland businesses have made major reinvestments into their existing locations. **Arby's** located at 8060 N. Wayne Rd. recently completed a \$500,000 renovation which included new signage, a façade upgrade and updates to seating, the kitchen and bathrooms. Similarly, **Starbucks** completed a \$375,000 interior remodel of their 36545 Warred Rd. location and **Meijer**, located at 37201 Warren Rd. undertook an \$8.5 million transformation including a gas station upgrade, new lights, fixtures and receptacles, new ceilings, new signage, new bathrooms and a total update of the interior and exterior aesthetic of the building.

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