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Mayor **Michael P. Londeau**



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Mayor Michael P. Londeau Takes Care of Business in his first State of the City Address



Westland, MI (October 5, 2023) - On Wednesday, October 4th, Mayor Michael P. Londeau delivered a powerful State of the City Address to a crowd of over 350 attendees at the Senior Friendship Center, located at 1119 N Newburgh Road.

Three outstanding individuals were recognized with awards for their commitment to improving the lives of members of the Westland Community. Former Mayor William R. Wild, City Clerk Richard LeBlanc, and Senior Resources Director Barbara Marcum were all honored and appreciated at the event. Mayor Londeau then apprised the enraptured crowd of all the ways he has gotten hard work done in his first year in office. Some highlights include:

- The approval of a balanced 3-year budget that preserves a "rainy day" fund

balance of nearly \$6.5 million with no tax increases.

- The saving of millions of dollars in pension fund payments by the City with the receipt of a grant in the amount of \$26 million from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury
- The upgrading of the police station and fleet to better protect the residents of Westland.
- The addition of more fire fighters, thanks in part to the receipt of a Federal Firefighter SAFER Grant in the amount of \$5.7 million with no city match required
- The launch of the Neighborhood Makeover 2.0 Program, with a record breaking amount of \$5 million invested in replacing deficient and hazardous sidewalks, at no additional cost to homeowners. The program also includes the launch of a pilot speed hump program to confront the rise of dangerous driving in Westland's neighborhoods.
- The return of the popular Leaf-Pickup program, with no additional cost to residents.
- The creation of the City's first Emergency Response team, as well as a Citizen Emergency Response Team to assist when the city encounters power outages, floods, and any other emergency.
- The reopening of the pond in Central City Park, with a brand new walking path for residents to enjoy.
- The opening of the Mission to Mars play scape at Central City Park, which is a finalist for the coveted Michigan Municipal League's Community Excellence Award.
- The acceleration of the Commercial Revitalization Program to demolish long blighted properties and encourage new development at those sites.
- The creation of an amazing public green space and catalyst for redevelopment in the "Annex at Nankin," located right next to the Westland Shopping Center and slated to open in the Spring of 2024.
- ...and much more!

"As you can see, we've been taking care of business. But..." commented Mayor Michael P. Londeau. "You ain't seen nothing yet!"

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