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From the office of
Mayor Kevin Coleman



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Dear Westland Residents,

I am excited to share updates and events that promise to make the upcoming Months memorable. February and March are filled with opportunities to connect, celebrate, and collaborate as we work together to keep Westland a vibrant and thriving community.

This February, the City of Westland is proud to commemorate **Black History Month**, a time to honor the achievements and contributions of African Americans who have profoundly influenced our nation and community. This year's theme, Black Resistance, reflects the resilience and determination of those who have stood against injustice and paved the way for progress. As we reflect on this legacy, let us celebrate the strength, creativity, and enduring impact of Black culture and history. Together, we can foster understanding, unity, and a shared commitment to building a brighter future for all.

As a reminder, the due date for **property tax payments** is fast approaching. The City of Westland Finance Department encourages all residents to submit their payments on time to avoid penalties. Tax bills were mailed in early December and are due by **February 14**. If this date falls on a weekend, payments will be accepted on the next business day unless an extension is authorized by the City Council. Payments can be made in person at **Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Rd.**, during regular business hours. You can also pay online by visiting the Finance Department page at www.cityofwestland.com. For added convenience, we have two-drop boxes available: one on the northeast side of the City Hall parking lot near the U.S. Postal Mailbox, and another in the wall slot just east of the City Hall main entrance. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at (734) 467-3169.

The Friends of the Library Book Sale, is happening on Valentine's weekend from **February 13 to 16, 2025**, at the **Westland Public Library**. This is the perfect opportunity to support your local library. The event begins with an exclusive presale for Friends of the Library members on **Thursday, February 13, from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M.** Regular sale hours are **10 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Friday, February 14, and Saturday, February 15**. The final day of the sale is **Sunday, February 16, from 12 P.M. to 3 P.M.** The Westland Public Library is located at **6123 Central City Parkway**. For more information, visit the library's website or call **(734) 326-6123**. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to shop for great books and media while supporting a valuable community resource.

For Westland's pet owners, we are excited to host **Dog Vaccination Day** on **Saturday**,

March 15, 2025, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Westland City Hall (36300 Warren Rd).
This event is a wonderful opportunity to ensure your furry companions are healthy and up-to-date on essential vaccinations. In partnership with the **Wayne Ford Civic League**, we are proud to offer this service at a low cost for Westland residents and free of charge to all veterans, as a token of appreciation for their service. Veterans will need to provide proof of military service to take advantage of this benefit. Pet vaccinations play a crucial role in safeguarding the health of our community. For more information, please visit: www.cityofwestland.com. Don't miss this opportunity to keep your pet healthy while supporting a great cause!

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in making Westland a wonderful place to live, work, and connect. Stay tuned for more updates, and don't forget to mark your calendars for these exciting events. Together, we can keep building a strong and vibrant community.

Stay connected across all our platforms! For comprehensive city information, visit our website at cityofwestland.com. Follow us on **Facebook, X, and Instagram** for real-time news and updates. For the latest programming, tune in to **WLND**, and subscribe to our **YouTube Channel (WLND City of Westland Municipal Access Channel)** for engaging videos and content.



Mayor Kevin Coleman

Mark Your **CALENDAR**



[Click Here for Upcoming Events](#)



Westland City Council Meeting

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 10, 2025



Hey Westland! Stay connected with everything happening in our vibrant community by joining us on social media!



Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and X to get the latest updates on events, news, and more. Whether it's our annual events or important city announcements, we've got you covered.



Don't miss out on the action – be a part of our growing online family today!

Honoring Dr. King's Legacy: The Martin Luther King Jr. Day Ceremony video is now live! Relive this powerful event celebrating unity, equality, and service in our community. From heartfelt speeches to inspiring performances, this ceremony is a reminder of the work we continue in Dr. King's name. Watch the full video below:



Human Trafficking Resources

The theme for Human Trafficking Prevention 2025 highlights the importance of a holistic approach to preventing human trafficking, recognizing its intersection with other forms of violence and social issues.

Connecting the dots between human trafficking, online harassment and abuse, interpersonal violence, and other forms of violence can disrupt multiple forms of exploitation. Understanding the role of economic mobility, desires for connection, technology, and market dynamics can prevent some of the most predictable recruitment schemes into human trafficking. Building healthy relationships and strengthening the resilience of communities and industries can protect against vulnerabilities to human trafficking.

We can address the root causes by decreasing known risks and increasing protective factors against trafficking.

This theme calls for collective action to strengthen prevention at every level—individual, relational, community, and societal. Our goal is to prevent exploitation before it occurs. It encourages cross-sector collaboration, including partnerships with individuals who have experienced trafficking. Together, we can strengthen our efforts to keep everyone safe from human trafficking.

About

Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud or coercion to control a person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against their will. If the individual is under 18 years of age, force, fraud, or coercion need not be present, if engaging in commercial sex. Human trafficking is a crime under international and federal law and also the State of Michigan.

Warning Signs

Learn some of the warning signs of Human Trafficking

- Avoids eye contact and appears fearful
- Brags about making or having lots of money

- Cutting
- Displays expensive clothes, accessories or shoes
- Checked out, Depressed, Distracted or Withdrawn
- Evidence of mental or physical abuse
- Less appropriately dressed than before
- Multiple cell phones
- New tattoo (tattoos are often used as a way to brand victims. Tattoos of a barcode, money, name or symbol could indicate trafficking)
- New friends or older partner with a different lifestyle
- Overly tired in class
- Sexualized behavior
- Unexplained absences from class

How to Help

Speak Up if you see something suspicious

- Call 911 immediately, if you witness a trafficking situation
- Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888

Additional Resources

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP)

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault Team

Dog Vaccination Day in Westland!

Low cost vaccinations, microchips &
licenses for Westland Residents
FREE TO WESTLAND VETERANS



Dog Vaccinations for Only \$25 | Dog Microchips for Only \$10

On-Site Westland Dog License for Only \$13

(\$7 if they are spayed or neutered)

Thank You to Our Partners!



Must be a Westland Resident - ID Required

Only \$25 per Dog Includes:

Rabies, Distemper, Parvo, & Leptospirosis.

When: March 15th, 2025 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: Westland City Hall
36300 Warren Rd, Westland, MI 48185

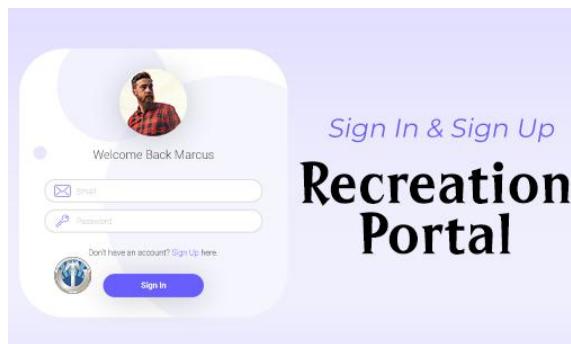
Free to Westland Veterans: Veteran ID Required

Limited to the first 250 dogs.

*Michigan Humane Veterinary Team will determine if your pet is medically eligible to receive vaccinations.

Presented by the Department of Neighborhood Services | For more details visit www.cityofwestland.com

Recreation Portal

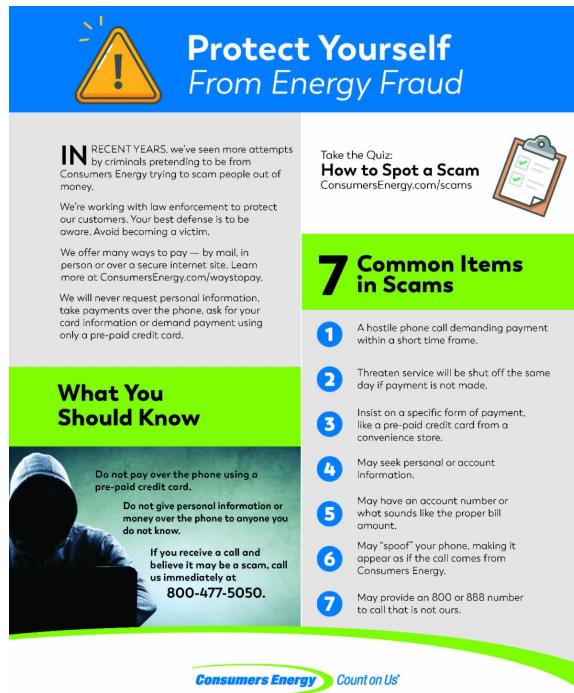


Support the Future Champions: Volunteer or
Donate to Emanuel Steward Champions of
Tomorrow

Looking for endless fun and activities in

Westland? Look no further than the City of Westland Recreational Portal. With just a few clicks, you can unlock a world of exciting recreational programs and events right at your fingertips. Our user friendly portal makes it easy to explore, register, and participate in a wide range of activities for all ages. Say goodbye to the hassle of paper forms and long registration lines. Sign up now and experience the convenience of online registration from the comfort of your own home. To register please visit: www.cityofwestland.com.

Protect Yourself From Energy Fraud



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IN RECENT YEARS, we've seen more attempts by criminals pretending to be from Consumers Energy trying to scam people out of money.

We're working with law enforcement to protect our customers. Your best defense is to be aware. Avoid becoming a victim.

We offer many ways to pay — by mail, in person or over a secure internet site. Learn more at ConsumersEnergy.com/waystopay.

We will never request personal information, take payments over the phone, ask for your card information or demand payment using only a pre-paid credit card.

What You Should Know

- Do not pay over the phone using a pre-paid credit card.
- Do not give personal information or money over the phone to anyone you do not know.
- If you receive a call and believe it may be a scam, call us immediately at 800-477-5050.

7 Common Items in Scams

- 1 A hostile phone call demanding payment within a short time frame.
- 2 Threaten service will be shut off the same day if payment is not made.
- 3 Insist on a specific form of payment, like a pre-paid credit card from a convenience store.
- 4 May seek personal or account information.
- 5 May have an account number or what sounds like the proper bill amount.
- 6 May "spoof" your phone, making it appear as if the call comes from Consumers Energy.
- 7 May provide an 800 or 888 number to call that is not ours.

Consumers Energy Count on Us

Senior Resource Center

Join the Westland Friendship Center:

Are you 50 and up interested in exciting activities, and making lasting friendships? Our center is the heart of our community, offering a wide range of programs and services.

Why Join the Westland Friendship Center?

1. A Welcoming Community: The Westland Friendship Center is more than just a facility, it's a warm and welcoming community where everyone is valued.

On Saturday, January 25th, Emanuel Steward Champions of Tomorrow (ESCOT) celebrated a remarkable milestone—10 years of empowering young athletes through discipline, confidence, and mentorship. The event brought together world champion guest boxers, highlighting the program's profound impact on shaping the next generation both in and out of the ring.

For a decade, ESCOT has provided a safe space for youth to develop their skills, build character, and chase their dreams—a vision founded by the legendary Emanuel Steward. The program's success is evident, but its continued impact relies on the support of dedicated volunteers and generous donors.

How You Can Help:

- Volunteer
- Donate
- Spread the Word
- Encourage others to get involved

Your support makes a difference so to learn more, visit: www.escot.org.



Nankin Transit

Nankin Transit will pick up eligible riders at their home and take them to their destination within the cities of Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Garden City, Canton and up to one mile outside of those boundaries for work and medical appointments.

Nankin Transit will also service the destination of St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia.

To schedule a ride please visit: www.nankintransit.com.

Service Hours
8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Westland Police Department

2. Exciting Activities and Programs: We offer a diverse array of activities and programs to suit all interests and ages. From fitness classes and educational workshops to arts and crafts and social events, there's something for everyone.

3. Health and Wellness: Your well-being is our priority. Our center provides health and wellness programs, including exercise classes for everyone.

4. Special Events and Trips: As a member, you will have access to special events and trips that offer unique experiences and opportunities to explore new places.

How to Join

Simply visit our center at **(1119 N. Newburgh)** or our website at www.cityofwestland.com. Our friendly staff will be happy to assist you.

Stay Connected

Stay up-to-date with all our activities and events by following us on social media. Connect with us on Facebook for the latest news and updates.

Westland Public Library

Attention book lovers! The Westland Public Library is hosting the *Hot Reads for Cold Nights* challenge, running now through February 16. Here's how it works: For every book, eBook, or audiobook you read or listen to, fill out a raffle slip at the Information Desk. Each week, participants are entered for a chance to win fun prizes!

This program is open to adults 18 and older, so cozy up with your favorite book or discover something new—and you might just win while you're at it!

Youth & Teen Winter Reading Program

Program Type: Challenges & Contests
Age Group: Kids, Tweens, Teens

Event Details

Kids and teens are invited to read with us this winter! Earn a prize, coupons and a free book! Pick up your youth or teen BINGO sheet at the Youth Desk starting January 6. Bingo cards MUST be turned in by Sunday, February 18, 2025 by 5pm to receive prizes.



911 Disability Awareness Registry

The City of Westland Police Department 911 Disability Awareness Registry is used to help in identifying and assisting residents with disabilities and their families.

Any adult or child who may have difficulty communicating due to a developmental or cognitive disability can be registered. These individuals tend to be a risk for wandering and include disorders such as Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome etc. Interested family members are asked to complete the on-line registration form below regarding their loved one, that provides useful information to responding police officers and other first responders.

Please complete the [911 Disability Awareness Registry Form](#) to add a person to the registry. If you have any questions or to be removed from the registry, please email us at specialneeds@wlpd.net.

Westland Community/Housing Development Department

Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

Are you a low to moderate income homeowner in need of a new furnace or roof repair? The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program provides loans for limited repairs of housing conditions, such as furnaces, water heaters, roof, windows, siding, sewer, basement, concrete, barrier free access, etc. The loan is repaid when the house is sold. City staff work with the homeowner to hire contractors and inspect the quality of the work. For more information, call 734.793.9390. (Equal Housing Opportunity)

Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center

OPEN MIC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
6:30 PM



THIS EVENT IS
FREE AND
HANDICAP
ACCESSIBLE

Join us for an evening of Open Mic! Emcee & author Denise Sedman will lead the event. Our featured reader is Dorene O'Brien, a fiction writer, creative writing teacher, and award-winning author of *What It Might Feel Like to Hope*.

Plan to read up to 3 minutes of your poetry or story. A sign-up sheet will be available.

FEATURING



DORENE O'BRIEN



DENISE SEDMAN



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6123 Central City Parkway • Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-6123 • www.westlandlibrary.org



Program Room AB

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Registration for this event will close on February 19, 2025 @ 6:00pm.
There are 75 seats remaining.

Program Description Event Details

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Plan to read up to 3 minutes of your poetry or story. A sign-up sheet will be available.
To register or more information please visit: <https://westland.librarycalendar.com/event/open-mic-16740>

Friends of the Library Book Sale

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Pickleball is sweeping Westland! Here is your chance to join in on the fun. Pickleball at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center located at 32150 Dorsey Rd!
Monday: 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. **Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday:** 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, there is a spot for you on the court!

Families with school-age children don't miss the Learning Lab at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center this winter! This fantastic resource offers computer education, access to coding, Google Chromebooks, and apps. Certified teachers are also on hand to provide tutoring and homework help. In addition, the cozy reading room lets kids explore books with no late fees—making reading fun and stress-free! Located at 32150 Dorsey, the Learning Lab is open to everyone in our community Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3 pm – 6 pm. For more information, call 313-277-3937 or to register visit jbllnorwayne.com. Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to support your child's education!

NEED EXTRA HELP WITH **SCHOOL?**
INTERESTED IN LEARNING **NEW SKILLS?**

THE JEFFERSON BARNES LEARNING LAB OFFERS
IN-PERSON TUTORING
WITH SKILLED AND QUALIFIED TUTORS & SUPPORT STAFF

MONDAY: 3 - 6 PM **TUESDAY: 3 - 6 PM**
WEDNESDAY: 3 - 6 PM **THURSDAY: 3 - 6 PM**



WE OFFER INDIVIDUALIZED ACADEMIC SUPPORT WITH TUTORING (ALL SUBJECT AREAS), OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT INCLUDING: TECHNOLOGY & CODING LESSONS, 3-D PRINTING, DIGITAL DESIGN, VIRTUAL REALITY, ETC.

REGISTER ONLINE AT [JBLLNORWAYNE.COM](http://jbllnorwayne.com) JEFFERSON BARNES COMMUNITY VITALITY CENTER
32150 DORSEY STREET, WESTLAND MI 48186

more details, visit the library's website or call (734) 326-6123. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to shop for books and media while supporting a local gem!

Family Prom Night 2025

Join us for Family Prom Night

February, 14th, 2025

Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center
32150 Dorsey Road - Westland

6:00—7:30pm

- DJ & Dancing
- Arts & Crafts
- Family Photos
- Snacks & Drinks

Presented by: *Norwayne Community Citizens Council*

Wayne Metro Head Start ~ City of Westland

  [TINYURL.COM/
FAMILYPROMNIGHT2025](https://tinyurl.com/familypromnight2025)

RSVP by January 31

Questions: ezarzecki@cityofwestland.com
Maximum Capacity—250 Guests

Find us on Facebook: *Norwayne Community Citizens Council*

Three pink hearts at the bottom.



SocialMedia

WESTLAND
REWIND

Westland Rewind

If you're interested in exploring Westland, make sure to check out our Facebook page! We've documented many past events and activities that have taken place in our city, and we're always looking to share our experiences with others. From community gatherings and Grand Openings to many local events, there's always something happening in Westland. Join our page today and take a trip down memory lane with Westland Rewind!

[Click here for our Facebook page!](#)

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The legislative body of Westland is the City Council which consists of seven (7) Council persons, elected at large. Four Council persons are elected at each regular odd year City election. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected to four (4) year terms and the candidate receiving the fourth highest number of votes is elected to a two (2) year term. The term of office commences at 12:00 noon on January 1, following the election and expires at 12:00 noon two or four years thereafter. City Council members can be contacted through the City Clerk or visiting www.cityofwestland.com.



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The City of Westland, Michigan's 9th largest city, has a population of more than 85,000 residents and is located in western Wayne County; just minutes from downtown Detroit, 2 airports and major freeways. The City of Westland's Executive Branch is led by full-time Mayor Kevin Coleman. The Legislative Branch consists of seven City Council members.

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