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**City of Wayland**

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

PLACE ITEMS AT CURB BY 7AM

MAY 4TH & 5TH

Schedule:

- Monday, May 4th West side of Main Street
- Tuesday, May 5th East side of Main Street

We WILL NOT pick up the following items: broken concrete, appliances of any kind, iron fence posts, paint, tires, grass clippings, leaves, any items weighing over 60 pounds, and any small items not boxed/bagged appropriately.

 269-792-0686

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WAYLAND SUMMERFEST



Wayland Main Street is cranking up the fun dial for Summerfest! Mark your calendars for June 13th-14th, where the good times will roll with a car show sponsored by Ed Koehn Ford, a fire fighter breakfast courtesy of the Wayland Hotel, plus vendors, kids' rides, a foam party, music, and more!

Saturday kicks off with a pancake breakfast at the Fire Station, followed by the car show in City Park from 9 AM to 2 PM. As the day unfolds, the streets will burst with vendors, rides, a foamy extravaganza, street performers, balloon magicians, and face painters galore! Get ready to toss some bean bags in the epic corn hole tournament. Bands will rock out all day, and food trucks will be on standby to satisfy your cravings. Don't forget to check out Wayland's restaurants for their special treats and grab a social drink.

Sunday wraps up the weekend with a service by NewLife Church in the heart of downtown. So come on down and dive into the music, activities for all ages, food trucks, social sips, and community vibes!

May
Every Wednesday -
Farmers Market 3pm-7pm (City Park)
Every Saturday -
Farmers Market 9am-1:30pm (City Park)
June
Summerfest June 13th-14th
Downtown Wayland
(Roads Closed Saturday and Sunday)
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Every Saturday -
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SUMMER CODE ENFORCEMENT

Lawn Maintenance: Keep grass trimmed and free of weeds

Junk & Debris: Remove junk, debris, and discarded materials from your property

Noise: Avoid excessive noise; be considerate of neighbors

Parking: No parking on any street between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Parking: No parking on the lawn

Reminder: Properties not in compliance may be subject to fines or enforcement actions.

WAYLAND CITY CONTACTS

City Manager:
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Amanda Rodriguez 269-792-2265

Fire Chief:
Jonathan Timmers 269-792-6300
Emergency 911

Police Chief:
Scott Matice 269-792-9366
Emergency 911

Utilities Director:
Dave Paul 269-792-0686

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Cole Lutz 269-792-0686

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Holli McPherson 269-525-2323

NEW CITY CLERK

Amanda Rodriguez of Hastings was sworn in at the February 16th City Council meeting as the new Wayland City Clerk. Rodriguez was selected among 88 candidates who applied for the position, according to City Manager Erik Wilson.

Rodriguez told council members she's had a variety of experiences, most recently as a bookkeeper for 25 hotels. She at one time was Village Clerk for the Village of Nashville, and office manager at the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department. "I'm excited to be here"



BRUSH PICKUP GUIDELINES

Within the City of Wayland, brush will be picked up **every Tuesday from approximately May through October**, and after severe storms. Your cooperation in adhering to this schedule is appreciated.

Please follow these guidelines carefully — brush not meeting these standards will not be picked up:

- 1.Placement:** Brush must be placed in the public road right-of-way between the sidewalk and the street **no sooner than the night before pickup and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the pickup day.**
- 2.Size:** Branches must be **less than 6' in length and no larger than 4" in diameter.**
- 3.Stacking:** Stack brush in **one direction horizontal to the street.**
- 4.Leaves: DO NOT mix leaves and yard waste – it will not be picked up.**

See the city website for the full policy.

Thank you for helping us maintain our community and keep our streets safe and clean!

Brush Pickup — At a Glance

**Pickup Day:**
Every **Tuesday**, May–October
& after severe storms

**Placement:** Between Sidewalk & Street
Night Before or by 7:00 a.m.

**Size Limit:** Less than **6' long**
4" diameter max

**Stacking:**  Sidewalk  Street
Horizontal to the Street
Between Sidewalk & Street
All in One Direction

**Quantity:**
One 1-ton dump truck load per property/week

**Leaves:**
Keep Separate from Brush!

Brush not meeting these rules will not be picked up.

Thank you for helping keep our community clean!

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Let's have coffee and conversation. I would love to meet you for an hour at a local Wayland business. No speeches, no set agenda—just conversation, community, and a chance to get to know each other better.



Mayor Jennifer Antel

I will be at the following businesses:

April 3, 7:30 AM–8:30 AM
McDuff's Bar & Grill (105 E. Superior St.)

May 5, 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
Biggby Coffee (1114 W. Superior St.)

June 2, 7:30 AM–8:30 AM
Biggby Coffee (1114 W. Superior St.)



Dates and locations will be posted on the City's website and social media. I encourage you to stop by, whether you have a concern to raise or simply want to say hello. Thank you for being part of what makes Wayland such a wonderful place to live.

I look forward to many good conversations—and cups of coffee!

HYDRANT FLUSHING WILL BE TAKING PLACE APRIL 13TH – APRIL 17TH.

Flushing may cause the water in the distribution system to stir up any mineral deposits. You may notice a rusty tint to the water and some sediment coming out of your faucets. To allow this yellow tint and sediment to pass through your home plumbing, run a faucet on COLD for 5 to 10 minutes. Be sure not to use any hot water, as this could cause a mineral build up in your water heater and potential discoloration in your lighter colored laundry.



LEAD AND COPPER TESTING WILL BE TAKING PLACE STARTING IN JUNE

Currently, Wayland tests Lead and Copper levels in our drinking water annually. Wayland is required to take 20 samples between the months of June and September. Our 20 samples are currently taken from Single Family Residences with a known Lead Service Line (LSL). Lead Service Lines are the pipes from the water main to the house that are either made of lead or contain any lead fittings. These are referred to by The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), as Tier 1 Sites. Tier 1 sites are our highest priority to be tested.

Lead and Copper Testing

Lead and Copper Testing requires cooperation, active participation and open communication with residents. The Utilities Department will be reaching out to those who participated in Lead and Copper Testing in previous years, to reaffirm participation this year. Currently, we have 40 sites on our Sample Site Plan, 20 of which are on our Primary List of Sample Sites. We try to sample and test the same locations every year for consistency and data purposes, given the criteria are still met. However, we are always looking for more locations to be placed on our back-up list. If you have a(n) LSL, think you might qualify as a Tier 1 site, and wish to be added to our Lead and Copper Sample Site Plan, please call David Paul, the City of Wayland Utilities Director at (269) 792-0686. Please note, if your service line meets all criteria, you may not be guaranteed to have your water tested this year, but we will have record showing your interest and contact you if spots become available.

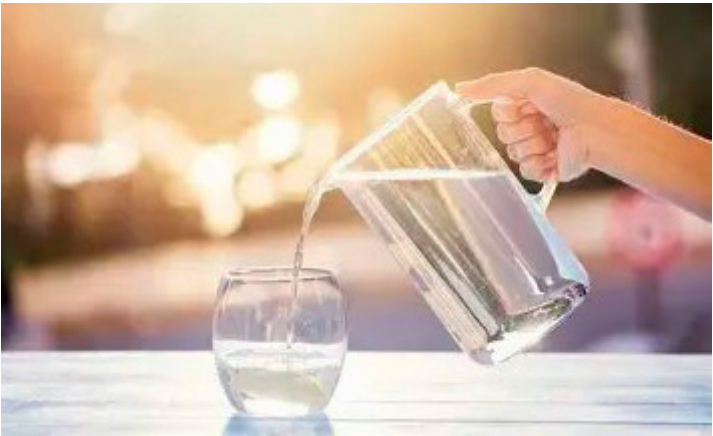
ENSURING SAFE, RELIABLE DRINKING WATER: City of Wayland Moves Forward with Complete Distribution Service Material Update

Our community relies on clean, dependable drinking water every single day—and ensuring that reliability starts long before water reaches your tap. The City of Wayland is continuing the important steps forward with a comprehensive review and update of all materials used throughout our drinking water distribution system.

Why This Matters

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the state of Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) now requires all public water systems to complete a full inventory of service line materials and replace all lines that contain lead or may have contained lead by 2041. By identifying the types of pipes and connections used throughout the network— public and private—the city can better ensure that water remains safe and lead free, infrastructure is responsibly maintained, and future improvement projects are planned with accuracy and transparency.

This initiative focuses on documenting the materials used from the water main in the street all the way to the service



line entering each building. These materials may include copper, PVC, galvanized steel, or other approved piping. Understanding exactly what is in place helps the city protect residents, apply for funding opportunities, and meet new federal standards that will become essential for future water projects.

What the City Is Doing

City staff, in partnership with engineering specialists, are currently:

- Reviewing historical records of water service installations
- Inspecting service lines when routine maintenance or replacement work is performed
- Updating digital GIS maps to ensure long-term accessibility and accuracy
- Communicating with residents and property owners to verify unknown materials

This systematic process will create a complete and transparent inventory of our water infrastructure—an important tool for maintaining safe delivery of drinking water for years to come.

How Residents Can Help

Community participation plays an important role in this effort. If your property's service line material is not documented, you may receive a mailed notice or request for additional information. Simple steps such as providing photos of your service line entry point or allowing a brief on-site inspection can significantly support the accuracy of the city-wide inventory. If you receive the letter that states your service line material is "unknown", please contact the Utilities Director, David Paul at (269) 792-0686 or dpaul@cityofwayland.org.

A Commitment to Quality and Safety

The City of Wayland is committed to maintaining a modern, safe, and efficient water system. Completing this distribution service material inventory is not only a regulatory requirement— it's an investment in public health, community trust, and long-term infrastructure planning.

As this project progresses, the city will continue sharing updates through newsletters, city council meetings, and the city website. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support as we work to preserve the quality of our drinking water for generations to come.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

In addition to this year's street improvements, the City will soon begin a series of road improvements which include resurfacing portions of **North/South Main Street, West Superior Street, and E. Superior Street**. The work will focus on the downtown intersections. Resurfacing portions of **Reno Street** will also occur.

Also, in 2027 the City will resurface **West Superior Street** from the **U.S. 131 interchange to Reno Drive**. As part of a \$1 million dollar project, the City will also upgrade the light at **W. Superior** and **Reno Street**, which includes the installation of an actuated traffic signal system, which adjusts signal timing based on real-time traffic demand to help reduce congestion and improve traffic flow.



LORENE & LOCUST STREET PROJECT



This project includes improvements to N. Locust Street and Lorene Street from E. Maple Street to E. Elm Street (approximately 920 feet each). The scope includes the installation of a new 8" ductile iron water main on N. Locust and 6" ductile iron water main on Lorene Street to replace the existing aging water main, along with new fire hydrants and valves. As part of the project, all homes will get new water services, including into the house when required.

The roadways will be reconstructed with concrete curb and gutter, with two 12-foot lanes for a total pavement width of 24 feet. The project includes sidewalk installation on the West side of N. Locust and sidewalk replacement on the East side of Lorene Street, with removal of the sidewalk on the West side of Lorene Street. Storm sewer installation, tree removals, new trees, concrete drive approaches, and restoration are also included in this project. There will be some disruptions to parking and access, but updates will follow as the project nears.

WATER & SEWER BILLS



Did you know you can set up automatic payment (ACH) from your bank account to pay your water/sewer bills at no additional cost? Payments are deducted on the due date each month, so no need to worry about the mail, calling in a payment, or having to come to City Hall. Contact City Hall to get the form to start. 269-792-2265

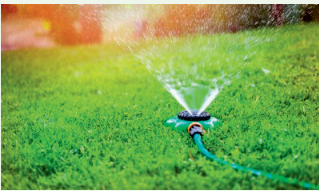
CONCERTS IN THE PARK



The City of Wayland is excited to begin planning this year's Concerts in the Park! We look forward to welcoming everyone to the park **every Friday in August** for music, fun, and community connection. More details will be available in our July newsletter.

Local businesses interested in sponsoring this event are encouraged to contact Cami Sanchez at 269-792-2265 or email osbates@cityofwayland.org to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

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Starting May 1st, the city will start the Summer Meter Rental program again. Rental cost is \$10/month and will be added to your utility bill. **Please contact city hall for more details.**

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Park Pavilion rentals are available in our City Parks for city and non-city residents for a small fee. Information is available on our website www.cityofwayland.org. For availability, please contact City Hall at 269-792-2265



"I VOTED" STICKER CONTEST



The Michigan Department of State is excited to share they are bringing back the "I Voted" sticker contest for all Michiganders to get involved and get excited about the Midterm Election.

The "I Voted" sticker contest will accept submissions from now until Friday, May 1, 2026, at 5 p.m. The public voting period will be open throughout the month of June; more details to come!

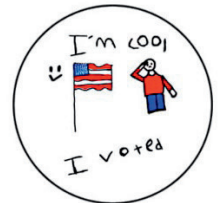
Design

- Designs must be completed using official entry form. You can get the form from the Clerk's office or here: <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/i-voted-sticker-contest>
- Designs **MUST** include the phrase "I voted" **AND** be nonpartisan in nature.
- Artwork must be original, non-AI generated, and not contain copyrighted or trademarked designs.

Entry

- Entries must be submitted by Fri., May 1, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Entries must include:
 - Entrant's first and last name
 - Email (for entrant, parent, or legal guardian)
 - Phone number (for entrant, parent, or legal guardian)
- Entrant's city
- Entrant's school (optional)
- Entry category: Elementary/Middle (K-8), High School (9-12), or General Entry (open to all Michiganders).
- Each person is allowed to submit **ONE** entry.
- By entering my contact information, I acknowledge I am over the age of 13. Entrants under the age of 13 must provide the name and contact information of a parent or legal guardian. The contact information provided will only be utilized to contact winning entrants. Contact information for all entrants will be deleted after contest winners are notified.

A few of the winning designs from 2024



SPLASH PAD OPENING FOR THE SEASON

The City of Wayland Splash Pad will open for the 2026 season on **Friday, May 22**, just in time for Memorial Day weekend.

Located in the City Park, the splash pad provides a safe, family friendly, and ADA-accessible recreational amenity for residents and visitors to enjoy throughout the summer months.

Hours of operation will be **10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.**

For the safety and enjoyment of all guests, children must be supervised at all times and all posted rules must be followed. Look forward to another great summer season in our park.



FREE SMOKE ALARMS



Your safety is our top priority. The Wayland Fire Department encourages all residents to ensure their homes are protected by working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms every 7 years.

Thanks to our partnership with MI Prevention, we offer **FREE** smoke alarms and combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms to Wayland residents. Our mission is to save lives and protect property by making sure every home has reliable alarms.

To schedule a free alarm installation, contact Firefighter Ryan Penny at 269-509-6185 or rpenny@cityofwayland.org.

PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

The Wayland Fire Department is looking for dedicated community members who are ready to make a difference as paid-on-call firefighters. No prior experience is needed—we provide all required training and equipment. New firefighters will complete a 295-hour fire academy and 70-hour Medical Fire Responder training within two years of hire. If you're passionate about helping others and want to be part of a team that serves our community, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information or to request an application, contact Fire Chief Jon Timmers at 616-250-5930 or jtimmers@cityofwayland.org.



STOP THE BLEED TRAINING



The Wayland Fire Department has certified instructors available to provide Stop the Bleed Training for local community groups. Participants in the course will learn how to recognize life-threatening bleeding and act quickly and effectively to control it with three quick techniques. The ACS Stop the Bleed training course will empower you to make a life-or-death difference when a bleeding emergency happens. The course is free and approximately 1 hour in length. For more information, contact Fire Chief Jon Timmers at 616-250-5930 or jtimmers@cityofwayland.org.



Contents of **BASIC** Individual Bleeding Control Kit

LOVE OUR KIDS; LOCK YOUR GUNS

The Wayland City Council is working with Wayland Community for Gun Safety to help protect our citizens, particularly children, from unintentional shootings causing injury or even death. When the United Church of Wayland found that gun violence is the leading cause of death for children aged 1-18 in the U.S., they pulled together with the help of the community to make a difference. They work with the law enforcement, local governments, churches,

Wayland Union Schools, gun sellers and others to encourage gun owners to safely store their guns in both homes and vehicles. That means always keeping firearms unloaded, locked and stored separately from ammunition, which has become the law in the State of Michigan. In the past 2 years the group has provided over 1100 gun locks, all at no charge thanks to Wayland City Police and Michigan State Police in Wayland. Both of these organizations have more locks on hand for whoever needs them! Or locks can be requested through the Facebook page, Wayland Community for Gun Safety.

