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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



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HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

As we celebrate Independence Day, please keep safety top of mind for you, your family, and your community. Let's work together to make this a fun, safe, and memorable holiday for everyone.

Be Prepared

- Know your local emergency numbers
- Call 911 immediately in case of fire or injury

Fireworks Safety

- Only use legal fireworks in approved areas
- Never allow children to handle fireworks
- Keep a bucket of water or hose nearby
- Never relight a "dud" firework

Protect Your Home

- Keep fireworks away from homes, dry grass, and structures
- Dispose of used fireworks properly (soak them in water first)

Pet Safety

- Keep pets indoors and secure — loud noises can cause panic



Travel Smart

- Don't drink and drive — plan a safe ride home
- Watch for increased pedestrian traffic
- Slowdown in residential areas

SUMMER GRILLING SAFETY



As grilling season gets underway, residents are reminded to follow a few simple safety tips to keep summer gatherings safe and enjoyable.

Always place grills outdoors in a well-ventilated area, at least 10 feet from structures. Inspect equipment before use, checking gas connections and cleaning grease buildup.

When lighting a gas grill, open the lid first; for charcoal grills, use only approved starter fluids.

Never leave a grill unattended, and keep children and pets at a safe distance. Have a fire extinguisher or sand nearby—never use water on grease fires. After cooking, ensure all flames are fully extinguished and allow coals to cool before disposal.

A little preparation goes a long way in preventing accidents and ensuring a safe, fire-free summer.



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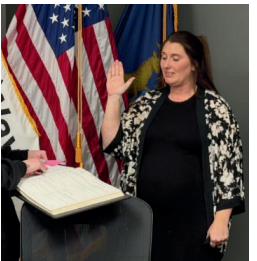
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NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR/ DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

Our new Finance Director/Deputy City Manager was sworn in at the Council Meeting 4/6/2026 and her first day was Monday, April 13, 2026. Leah Kuipers, of Wayland, brings audit and payroll processing experience to the team in Wayland.



Primary Election – August 4th



2026 ELECTION

Early In Person Voting

July 25 - August 2 @ Wayland City Hall
103 S Main St - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

IN PERSON VOTING

August 4 @ Wayland Fire Department
160 W Superior St - 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



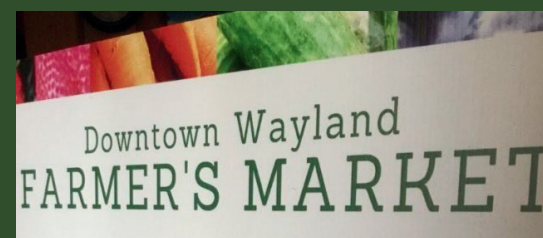
Michigan Voter Information Center

Submit a ballot application at mi.gov/vote or **complete** an application and return it to City Hall or email it to Deputy Clerk jjenkins@cityofwayland.org
NOTE: Ballots can be returned by mail or dropped into the designated drop box (located at the front door of City Hall or behind City Hall in the alley)



CITY PROPERTY TAXES DUE MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

Property tax bills will be mailed July 1. Per City Charter (Part 1, Chapter 12, Section 12.16), taxes must be paid by August 1, to avoid interest charges. If your bill states "A COPY OF THIS BILL HAS BEEN SENT TO MORTGAGE PROVIDER" at the bottom, a copy has been sent to your mortgage provider, on your behalf, to be paid from an escrow account. This copy is for your reference only. If you have questions regarding payment, please contact your mortgage provider to verify they have received the bill and will pay the taxes on your behalf.



FARMER'S MARKET
IN THE CITY PARK
Wednesdays from 3pm to 7pm
and Saturdays from 9 am to 1:30 pm

Through October 2026

WELCOME WAYLAND CITY POLICE OFFICERS



Bill Nowicki



My name is Bill Nowicki, I am the newest member of the Wayland City Police Department. My first day of work was May 26th. I was born and raised in St. Clair, Michigan. After graduating from Ferris State University in 1992, I was hired by the Grand Rapids Police Department where I retired after 27 years of service. At the Grand Rapids Police Department, I served as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, and lastly as the Commander of the undercover narcotics unit, the Vice Unit.

After retirement I became the Chief of Police at Gerald R. Ford International Airport. I then took a couple years off before getting back into law enforcement. For the past 2 1/2 years I have worked as a Deputy for the Allegan County Sheriff's Office.

I have lived in Byron Center for the past 25 years. I am married and have 3 adult children. My son Mason is a Michigan State Trooper and he works out of the Wayland Post.

I am looking forward to working closer to home and serving the Wayland community. Thank you for the opportunity to work in such a great City.

Ken DeVries



My name is Ken DeVries, and I am excited for the opportunity to work in the community that my wife and I have proudly called home for nearly 30 years. Together, we have raised our four adult daughters here, and this area has always held a special place in our lives.

I have dedicated more than 30 years to a career in law enforcement and have most recently served as a School Safety Officer. Throughout my career, I have valued building relationships, serving others, and helping create safe and supportive environments for the community.

Outside of work, I enjoy woodworking and spending time camping and traveling with my family.

I look forward to continuing to serve and work in the area where I have lived for so many years and contributing positively to the community that has meant so much to my family and me.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



For questions, please contact Cami at Wayland City Hall at 269-792-2265.

WAYLAND CONCERTS IN THE PARK SUMMER SERIES RETURNS THIS AUGUST!

Bring your lawn chairs, friends, and family and enjoy a month of music, great food, local vendors, and community fun at Wayland City Park!

Join us at Wayland City Park for four exciting weeks of live music, community fun, food trucks, vendors, and summer evenings in the park during the Wayland Concerts in the Park Summer Series!

Week 1 – August 7

Kick things off lighthearted and fun with the always entertaining Scottville Clown Band.

Week 2 – August 14

We're keeping it traditional with returning favorite The 6Pak Band, bringing back the classic sounds everyone loves.

Week 3 – August 21

Celebrate local talent with hometown favorites The Leprecons as we keep it local for week three.

Week 4 – August 28

We'll wrap up the summer series with something fresh and exciting as Matt Gabriel closes out the season with a bang!

SUMMER PATIO GUIDE

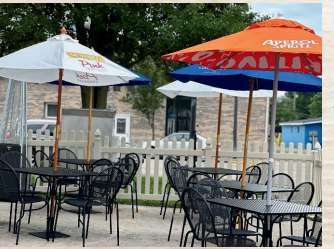


Don Poncho's: There is just something about chips, salsa, and sunshine that feels like a permanent vacation. The patio at Don Poncho's is the go-to spot for a lighthearted afternoon.

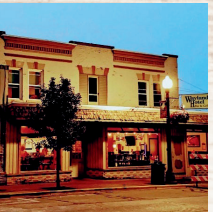
Grab a margarita, settle into the outdoor seating, and let the vibrant flavors of authentic Mexican cuisine transport you while you people-watch on Main Street.



Acqua in Vino: If your idea of "relaxed" involves a stem glass and a curated board of treats, Acqua in Vino is your sanctuary. Their outdoor area offers a sophisticated yet cozy vibe where you can sip on a crisp white or a bold red. It's the perfect spot for a quiet, catch-up with friends or a romantic sunset toast.



McDuff's Bar & Grille: A true community staple, McDuff's patio is where the energy is always friendly. It's the kind of place where you can order a plate of "Tot-chos"—tater tots loaded up so high they have their own zip code—and feel absolutely no judgment. It's a backyard party vibe with a cold drink in hand.



The Wayland Hotel: You can't talk about downtown without mentioning the Hotel. Famous for having **the best burgers in Wayland**, this spot is a local legend. When those massive garage doors roll up, the whole bar turns into one giant indoor-outdoor hangout. It's the perfect place to grab a stool, catch the breeze, and tackle a burger that requires two hands and at least four napkins.



The Big Dipper: Not every "patio" night needs a cocktail! The Big Dipper is the heart of Wayland's sweet tooth. Bringing the kids (or just your own inner child) for a multi-scoop cone and sitting outside under the summer sky is a Wayland rite of passage. It's sticky, sweet, and the best way to cool down after a walk downtown.



OpenRoad Brewery: For the craft beer lovers, OpenRoad's outdoor space is the ultimate "park and spark" spot. With a rotating tap of locally brewed masterpieces and a menu that perfectly complements a pint, this patio is designed for long conversations and laid-back weekends.

WAYLAND'S SOCIAL DISTRICT IS A GAME-CHANGER FOR A NIGHT OUT!

Essentially, it allows you to purchase an alcoholic beverage in a specially marked "Social District" cup from participating spots and walk freely within the designated downtown boundaries.

How to use it for a perfect night out:

1. Start with a Drink: Grab your favorite beverage at a licensed vendor.
2. Take a Stroll: Head out the door and wander! You can browse the local shops or just enjoy the evening air.
3. Stay in the Zone: Just keep an eye out for the sidewalk stickers or signs that mark the district boundaries.
4. Keep it Outside: Remember, you cannot take a cup from one bar into another bar—the fun is in the journey between them!

COMMUNITY SPIRIT: THE BLOCK PARTY

Nothing says "Wayland" like our annual Block Party. This event beautifully celebrates the people who keep our town running. It's a day where Main Street transforms into a hub of activity, highlighting our local businesses and giving the community a chance to interact with our local law enforcement and first responders in a fun, casual setting.

You'll see kids climbing on fire trucks, foam parties and neighbors sharing a meal in the middle of the street. It's a "thank you" to the heroes in uniform and a "welcome home" to everyone else. Whether you're here for the kids DJ, the food trucks, or the chance to see your favorite local officer, it's the ultimate display of Wayland's relaxed, supportive heart.

