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DID YOU KNOW?

Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced every 7 years.

Through our partnership with MI Prevention, the Wayland Fire Department has **FREE** smoke alarms and combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms available for Wayland residents. It's our goal to save lives and property by ensuring all homes have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

To schedule installation of the free alarms: please call Firefighter Ryan Penny at 269-509-1703 or email to rpenny@cityofwayland.org.

CONTACTS

City Manager:
Erik J. Wilson 269-792-2265

City Clerk:
Lee Ann Clausen 269-792-2265

Finance Director:
Kate Balfoort 269-792-2265

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

Police Chief:
Scott Matice 269-792-9366

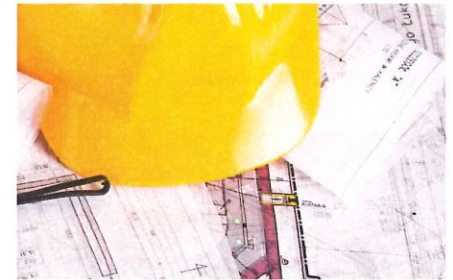
Utilities Director:
Dave Paul 269-792-0686

DPW Director:
Cole Lutz 269-792-0686

DDA Director:
Holli McPherson 269-592-2323

CITY HALL RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY

We're upgrading City Hall to make it more accessible. Walls are being moved to allow for wider door entrances, and electronic strike plates have been installed for automatic door openers. We hope our residents find these upgrades helpful!



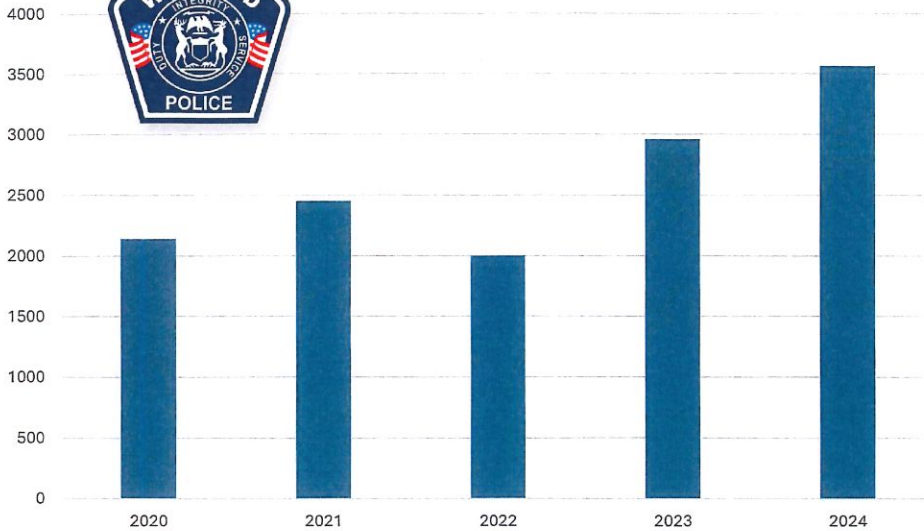
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO RECORD NUMBER OF CALLS

The Wayland Fire Department responded to a record 1,321 calls for service in 2024. The five most common response categories include: emergency medical incidents (763), motor vehicle accidents (65), downed power lines (45), building fires (34, and gas leaks (15). The success of our fire department is due to the overwhelming support from our community and the dedication of our firefighter team. Thanks to community support, we received our newest truck in 2024 with the arrival of Engine 1911 — a pumper/tanker that carries 3,000 gallons of water with a 2,000 gallon per minute pump. It was manufactured locally at Spencer Manufacturing in South Haven.





Total Incidents Per Year



WAYLAND DRINKING WATER



HYDRANT FLUSHING APRIL 14 – 18

Flushing may cause the water in the distribution system to stir up 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's plumbing, run a faucet on COLD for 5 – 10 minutes. Be sure not to use hot water, as this could cause mineral build up in your water heater and potential discoloration of light-colored laundry.

LEAD AND COPPER TESTING STARTING IN JUNE

Wayland tests annually for lead and copper levels in our drinking water. We're required to take 20 samples between June and September. Samples are currently taken from single-family residences with a known Lead Service Line (LSL). LSLs are the pipes from the water main to the house that are either made of lead or may contain 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 highest priority for testing.

Lead and copper testing requires cooperation, active participation, and open communication with our residents. The Utilities Department will be reaching out to past participants to confirm participation this year. We currently 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. However we are always looking for more locations for our back-up list. If you have an LSL and wish to be added to our Sample Site Plan, please call David Paul, City Utilities Director, at 269-792-0686.

Concerts in the Park 2025

Food trucks, vendors, and additional events
Starting at 6:00 PM

8/1
FRI

7:00pm - 9:00pm
Scottville Clown Band



Starting at 6:30PM
Dixon's Violin

8/8
FRI

8/15
FRI

6:00pm - 9:00pm
The 6 Pak Band



6:00-10:00 PM
DJ Scratchy Chan

8/22
FRI

Wayland City Park
206 W. Maple Street Wayland, MI 49348
FREE ADMISSION

PARK PAVILION RENTALS are now available in our City Parks for a small fee. Information is available at www.cityofwayland.org or 269-792-2265.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE



Statistics from the Presidential General Election are in, and the City of Wayland had a great turnout! Over 67% of registered voters — 2,364 out of 3,564 — came out to make their voices heard. Most voters were in the 60+ age bracket. Second most were 22–32 year olds. More females voted than males.

Early voting was very popular compared to the February and August elections. Since the new laws were passed, 2024 was the first year early voting (9 days) was implemented. Things got off to a slow start in the February and August elections, but in November, early turnout was more than February and August combined! Overall, voters liked being able to plan ahead and get their vote in early. Early will be available for all State and National elections.

The next election will take place on November 3, 2025 — a local election for City Council Members. Three seats are available, each for a two-year term. Citizens wishing to run for City Council can pick up a petition packet starting in the middle of June and must file it with the clerk's office no later than July 22, 2025.

Please note: there will not be early voting for this election.

Don't hesitate to contact your local clerk, Lee Ann Clausen, if you have any questions.

lclausen@cityofwayland.org
269-525-2352

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS AVAILABLE FOR WATER AND SEWER BILLS

Did you know that you can set up automatic monthly payments for your water and sewer bill from your checking or savings account? Save the hassle of writing a check or paying the 3% credit card processing fee. Just complete the ACH Form (on the City's website under Forms & Applications) and turn it in to the office.



The last day to pay 2024 property taxes at the City was February 28, 2025. If your property taxes were not paid by this date, you need to contact the Allegan County Treasurer's Office at 269-673-0260 to obtain the total due and make arrangements for payment.

MEET OFFICER SHELBY BOOTH

Hi! I'm currently a full-time police officer with the Wayland Police Department. Originally from Kalamazoo, MI, I graduated from Grand Valley State University. Afterward I began my career with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the Colorado State Patrol as a Port of Entry Officer. A few years later, I found my way back home and attended GVSU's Police Academy. In my free time, I enjoy being outside either on my motorcycle, fishing, or snowboarding. I look forward to being a service to the city of Wayland!



ANNUAL NOTICE MAILED IN FEBRUARY

The annual Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation, and Property Classification was mailed out in February. If your home is your principal residence, the notice should show 100.00% in the field highlighted in the sample below. If it is your principal residence and it does not show 100.00%, please contact the City Assessor, Grey Castello at 269-205-3726 or w.greycast@gmail.com to obtain an affidavit form to have the exemption applied to your tax bill.

Michigan Department of Treasury,
1019 (Rev. 10-24)

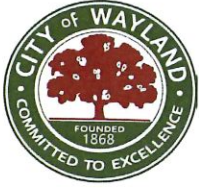
THIS IS NOT A TAX BILL

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Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation, and Property Classification

This form is issued under the authority of P.A. 200 of 1993, Sec. 211.24 (c) and Sec.211.34c, as amended. This is a model assessment notice to be used by the local assessor.

<p>FROM GREY CASTELLO, ASSESSOR CITY OF WAYLAND 103 S MAIN ST WAYLAND, MI 49348</p>	<p>PARCEL IDENTIFICATION</p> <p>PARCEL NUMBER:</p> <p>PROPERTY ADDRESS:</p>
<p>OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS/PERSON NAMED ON ASSESSMENT ROLL:</p>	<p>PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION</p> <p>% Exempt As "Homeowners Principal Residence": 100.00%</p> <p>% Exempt As "Qualified Agricultural Property": .00%</p> <p>% Exempt As "MBT Industrial Personal": .00%</p> <p>% Exempt As "MBT Commercial Personal": .00%</p> <p>Exempt As "Qualified Forest Property": <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Exempt As "Development Property": <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>



CITY OF WAYLAND MI
103 S. MAIN STREET
WAYLAND MI 49348

REMINDER:

Per City Ordinance 18-56, the City does not allow overnight parking on any City street between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am. If you are parked on the street between those hours, you may be ticketed.



The Wayland Fire Department continues to seek those who would like to serve their community as a paid-on-call firefighter. No experience is necessary. All training and equipment is provided. Applications are required. You'll need to complete a 295-hour fire academy and 70-hour medical fire responder training within 2 years of hire.

For more information:

Firefighter Ryan Penny, 269-509-1703 or email at rpenny@cityofwayland.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

City Council Meetings

1st/3rd Mon — 7:00 pm
April 7 & 21
May 5 & 19
June 2 & 16
July 7 & 21

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday — 7:00 pm
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8

DDA

3rd Thursday — 8:00 am
April 17
May 15
June 19
July 17

2025 CITY OF WAYLAND RECYCLING

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EVENTS

APRIL 23

Farmers Market Opens
Wayland City Park
2pm – 7pm

APRIL 26

Farmers Market
Wayland City Park
9am – 1pm

APRIL 30

Farmers Market
Wayland City Park
2pm – 7pm

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