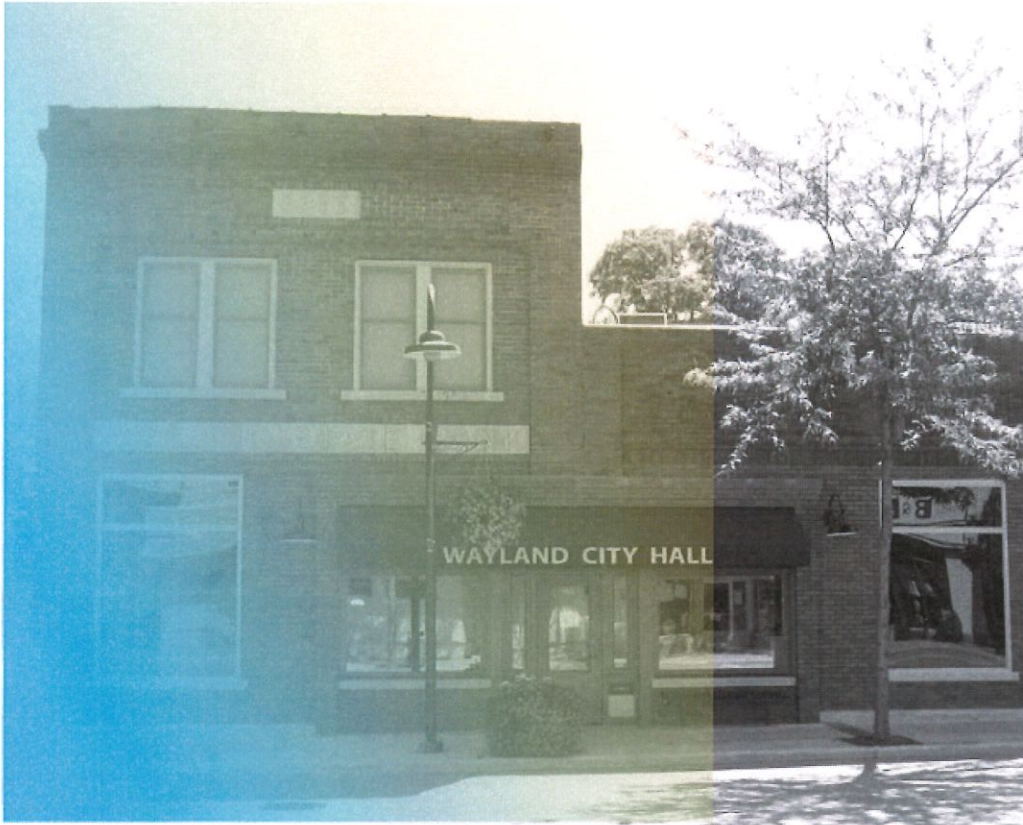


Wayland Insider

Wayland Michigan's Newsletter



ELECTION INSPECTORS

The City of Wayland is currently looking for election inspectors. This is a paid position to assist voters at the polls on election days. The position pays \$17 an hour and includes training and meals. If you are interested, please stop by Wayland City Hall for an application or email the City Clerk Lee Ann Clausen at lclausen@cityofwayland.org

General Qualifications

- Must be a qualified and registered elector of the State of Michigan.
- Must be 16 years of age.
- Must have transportation to and from polling location.
- They cannot be a challenger, candidate, member of a candidate's immediate family, or a member of the local Board of Canvassers.
- Anyone convicted of a felony or an election crime may not serve.

Requirements & Duties

- Open and close the polling place location.
- Set up voting booths, tables, precinct supplies and voting equipment.
- Able to use a laptop computer to record voter history.
- Issue voters their ballot.
- Assist voters in any phase of the voting process.
- Perform other tasks as assigned by the Chairperson.



Calendar

January

- All Month Long - Between the Buns
- 1 & 2 - City Hall Closed for New Years
- 3 - Recycling
- 12 - Cocktail and Appetizer Trail downtown Wayland
- 15 - City Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 16 - Recycling
- 26 - Fish Fry at Wayland VFW
- 30 - Recycling

February

- 2 - Fish Fry at VFW
- 9 - Recycling
- 9 - Cocktail and Appetizer Trail downtown Wayland
- 9 - Fish Fry at VFW
- 16 - Fish Fry at VFW
- 19 - Early Voting Starts at City Hall
- 23 - Fish Fry at VFW
- 27 - Recycling
- 27 - Election Day

March

- 1 - Fish Fry at VFW
- 8 - Fish Fry at VFW
- 8 - Cocktail and Appetizer Trail downtown Wayland
- 12 - Recycling
- 15 - Fish Fry at VFW
- 16 - Everybody's Irish downtown Wayland from 2pm-9pm (streets closed)
- 22 - Fish Fry at VFW
- 22 - Community Gun Safety forum :30pm at the Wayland Carpenter & Millwright Training Center
- 26 - Recycling

Between the Buns Competition

Downtown Wayland is hosting a sandwich/handheld competition called *Between the Buns* for the month of January. The goal is to bring business to local restaurants and to help fight childhood hunger. The competition is all month long followed by a panel, judging of the top 5 locations to select the winner.

We have 11 businesses that each have entered a unique, creative handheld. Below is the list of restaurants and their sandwich. Make sure to try them all!

A \$1 donation of each sandwich sold will go towards the Hand2Hand program.

Bay Pointe Bar & Grille: Pesto-Pesto Grilled Chicken Sandwich - Sourdough bread grilled with basil pesto. On the inside, Sun-dried tomato pesto, fresh tomatoes, gruyere cheese, and grilled chicken breast. Served with house made sweet potato chips.

Auction House Cafe: Big Auction Burger - 1/2 lb. Burger Patty, BLT, Mayo, smashed between two Grilled Cheese Sandwiches.

McDuff's Bar and Grille: The Dubliner - Half pound of slow roasted corned beef, sauerkraut, swiss cheese, and topped with our house made 1000 island dressing.

4 One 2 Distillery: Fricken Chicken Taco - Fried chicken, flat fries, white American and cheddar cheese and avocado ranch on a flour shell.

Salvinos Wayland: The Kickin Chicken - It is a Blackened Chicken Breast with Bacon, Cheddar Cheese, deep fried Jalapenos and banana peppers, Cajun Mayo, Lettuce and Tomato on a Brioche bun. Comes with chips!

Hilliards Corner Lounge: Classic Rubeen Sandwich - Corned Beef slow roasted and sliced in house, piled high on marbled rye toast, balanced with tangy sauerkraut, layered with melted Swiss cheese, and drizzled with house recipe Russian sauce.

Sand Bar and Grill: The Real Monte Cristo - A double-decker Turkey, Ham, Swiss and American Cheese sandwich with powdered sugar and raspberry preserves. Served with fries.

Russo's Pizzeria (Hopkins and Gun Lake): Chicken Bruschetta Pesto - Grilled or crispy chicken topped with bruschetta, pesto and mozzarella cheese on a brioche bun. Served with chips and a pickle.

Main Street Bakery: The Hot Honey - Just like all the Hot Honey's, our sandwich is sweet, a little salty, and spicy. Our sandwich features a breaded chicken breast filet covered in Mike's Hot Honey, pepperjack cheese, bacon, mayonnaise, and pickle on our made from scratch yeast donuts

Smoke On The Water BBQ: The Brisky Business - Sometimes a little brisket is exactly what we need to spice up our lives, so that's where this sandwich starts is with our brisket. Between a toasted brioche bun, slapped with spicy mayo, grilled onions, shreds, tomato, melted cheese, and lettuce. This is worth the "brisk"

Wayland Hotel: Absolutely Delicious - Smoked bacon belly, Hotel special BBQ sauce with homemade slaw on a grilled New England bun.



NEW GUN LAWS

What's the new law on background checks?

Under Public Act 19 of 2023, along with Public Act 18 and Public Act 22, all Michigan gun sales generally require the buyer to undergo a background check.

That's a big change from the previous law, under which only handgun buyers were subject to a background check in order to obtain the required purchase license, though some federal criminal background checks were also required for firearms other than handguns when purchasing from a federally licensed dealer.

The new law essentially replaces the word "pistol" in state law with the word "firearm," extending the requirement to first obtain a license — and undergo a state background check — to rifles and shotguns.

Prospective gun purchasers can appear at any local law enforcement agency and, after successfully passing the background check conducted through the Michigan State Police, obtain a purchase license after signing a sworn statement that they meet Michigan qualifications.

Council Members

In November the City of Wayland has an election for 3 council members. The newly elected council members are; Steven Stepek, Jerry Jansen III, and Grace Sefranek. Below are our new council members and their terms.

- Mayor Antel Jennifer Antel (2022-2024)
- Mayor Pro-tem Joe Kramer (2022-2024)
- Council Member Abe Garcia (2022-2024)
- Council Member Norm Taylor (2022-2024)
- Council Member Steven Stepek (2023-2025)
- Council Member Jerry Jansen III (2023-2025)
- Council Member Grace Sefranek (2023-2025)



Council Member Grace Sefranek



Council Member Jerry Jansen III

Wayland Main Street Corner

The Wayland DDA (Downtown Developmental Authority) welcomed three new board members these past two months.

- Taylor Emert - Wayland Big Dipper
- Monica King - Gun Lake Investment Group
- Zach Cramer - Temple Fitness



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Monica King - Gun Lake Investment Group

Veteran Banner Program

We are excited to announce that Wayland Main Street will be organizing a Veteran Banner program. Families or individuals can purchase a banner (36" x 18") to honor their veteran. The banners will be hung on the Main Street light poles during the month of May.

The cost per banner is \$75.00 for the production and installation of the banner. The banner will be used each year at no additional cost. If you would like to have your banners back, free to pick-up when not on display. The deadline for this year is April 1st, 2024. Please email director@downtownwayland.com or call 269-525-2323 for the application.

SIGN UP FOR ALERTS!

The City of Wayland has a new alert system. This alert system will allow residents to sign up to receive alerts through their email, phone and text messages. This alert system allows us to narrow down what area of the city should receive the alert. Alerts will be used for weather, water boil advisories, evacuations and street closures, etc. Scan the QR code to sign up for these special alerts.



FIRE DEPARTMENT LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

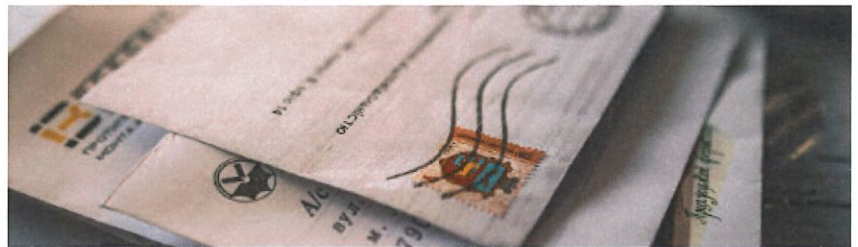
Wayland City Fire Department is looking to add several volunteer firefighter positions to their department. All positions are paid and you will receive paid training. Volunteer firefighters protect and serve the community, as well as support their team members. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Wayland City Fire Department at 269-792-6300 or jsmith@cityofwayland.org.

WAYLAND MI
103 S. MAIN ST
WAYLAND, MI 49348



WINTER TAXES

Property taxes due 2/14/2024. On March 1st, unpaid real taxes will be delinquent and will have to be paid at Allegan County Treasurer.



REMINDERS

Please no batteries in the drop box.

Friendly reminder that residents are responsible for snow removal on the sidewalk in front of their property. The City will continue snow removal for the DDA and a limited section of sidewalk including W. Superior from U.S 131 to the City limits on East Superior St. The City will also provide snow removal services on South Main St. from downtown to Sycamore St.

Wayland City Hall will be closed on the following days to observe the fall and winter holidays.

- January 1st and 2nd for New Years
- January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

CONTACTS

- City Manager - Josh Eggleston (269-792-2265)
- City Clerk - Lee Ann Clausen (269-792-2265.)
- Finance Treasury - Cheri Parrish - (269-792-2265)
- Fire Chief - Jim Stoddard - 269-792-6300 (Non-emergency) 911 (Emergency)
- Scott Matice - Police Chief (269-673-3899 (Non-emergency)) 911 (Emergency)
- Utilities Director - Dave Paul (269-792-0686)
- DPW Director - Cole Lutz (269-792-0686)
- DDA Director - Holli McPherson (269-525-2323)