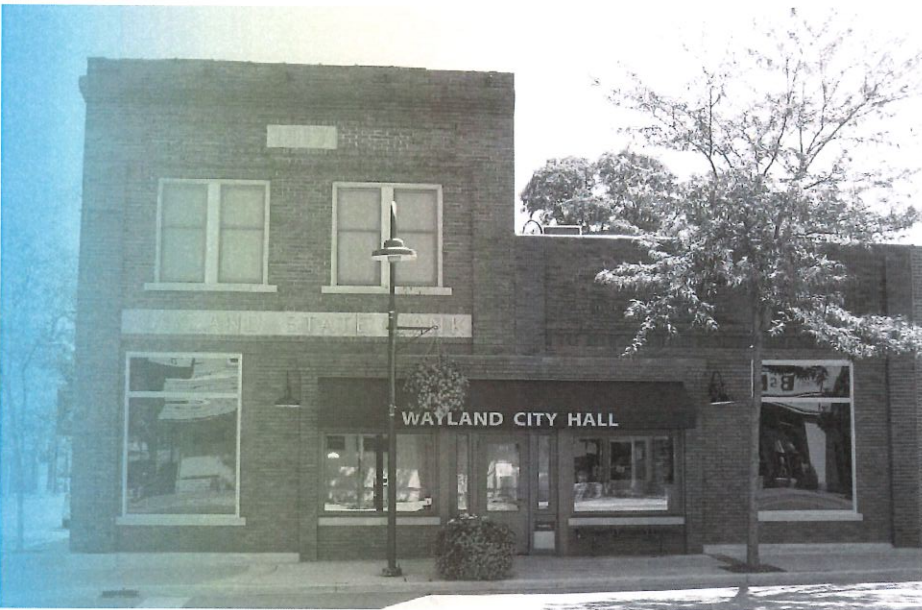


# Wayland Insider

Wayland City Newsletter



## INTERN SOCIAL WORK STUDENT

The Wayland Police Department has taken on an Intern Social Work Student until May of 2025. Cami will facilitate a bridge with the police department to assist members in the community and surrounding area with resources, assisting with basic needs, and outreach in the community. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Cami directly at 616-877-6311 and leave a message, she will respond to any inquiries during her internship hours.

## WINTER TAXES

Winter property taxes go out on December 1st and will be due on February 14th. You can pay by coming into City Hall with a check, cash or card. Please note there is a fee if you pay by card. You can also mail your check to Wayland City Hall at 103 S. Main St, Wayland, MI 49348. If paid by your mortgage company, the City will mail your bill to them and you will receive a copy for your records.

## SMOKE DETECTORS

The Wayland Fire Department has free smoke detectors available for all residents. To schedule installation for the free smoke detectors, please contact Firefighter Ryan Penny at 269-509-1703 or [rpenny@cityofwayland.org](mailto:rpenny@cityofwayland.org).

## Calendar

### October

- 1st - Farmers Market noon to 6pm
- 2nd - Recycling and Farmers Market noon to 6pm
- 5th - Farmers Market 9am-2pm
- 8th - Farmers Market noon to 6pm
- 8th - Recycling
- 12th - Farmers Market 9am-2pm
- 15th - Farmers Market noon to 6pm
- 16th - Bike Night 5pm-9pm (Roads Closed)
- 19th - Farmers Market 9am-2pm
- 22nd - Farmers Market noon to 6pm
- 22nd - Recycling
- 26th - Monster Mash downtown 5pm-9pm (Roads Closed)
- 26th - Farmers Market 9am-2pm

### November

- 5th - Recycling
- 5th - In-Person Voting
- 16th - Harvest Market at Pine Street Elementary from 9am-2pm
- 19th - Recycling
- 28th - City Hall Closed
- 29th - City Hall Closed

### December

- 3rd - Recycling
- 7th - Snowfest downtown 5pm-9pm (Roads Closed)
- 17th - Recycling
- 24th - City Hall Closed
- 25th - City Hall Closed
- 31st - Recycling
- 31st - City Hall Closed for New Years Eve

# WINTER DRIVER SAFETY TIPS

Winter driving can be hazardous and scary, especially in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help motorists deal with an emergency. This sheet provides safety information to your residents to help prevent motor vehicle injuries due to winter storms.

The three P's of Safe Winter Driving: **PREPARE** for the trip; **PROTECT** yourself; and **PREVENT** crashes on the road.

**PREPARE** Maintain Your Car: Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.

**Have On Hand:** flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. For long trips, add food and water, medication and cell phone.

**Stopped or Stalled?** Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.

**Plan Your route:** Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/ directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

**Practice Cold Weather Driving!** \* During the daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot. \* Steer into a skid. \* Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes, pump on non-antilock brakes. \* Stopping distances are longer on water-covered ice and ice. \* Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

**PROTECTYOURSELF** \* Buckle up and use child safety seats properly. \* Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag. \* Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

**PREVENT CRASHES** \* Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving. \* Slow down and increase distances between cars. \* Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road. \* Avoid fatigue– Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible. \* If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.

# DOWNTOWN WAYLAND EVENTS

**Bike Night** - The last bike night of the year is October 16th from 5-9pm downtown Wayland. A huge thank you the Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association for organizing and running the bike nights downtown!

**Monster Mash** - Join us for our third annual Monster Mash downtown Wayland! We are closing the streets for an evening of Halloween fun for all ages! Trunk-or-Treat, Multiple kids games, costume contest, vendors and activities Downtown Wayland.

**Harvest Market** - Join us for a celebration of bountiful harvests and seasonal delights. Experience the vibrant colors of autumn, indulge in delicious local produce, and immerse yourself in a variety of exciting vendors for the whole family.

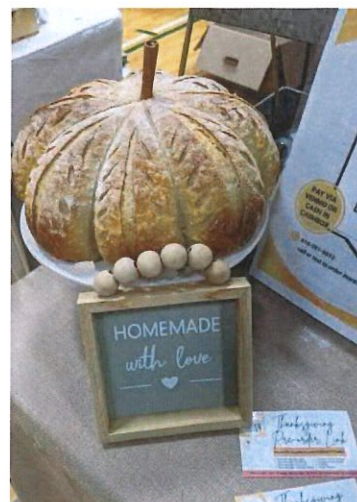
**Snowfest** - Snowfest is back this year on December 7th from 5-9pm downtown Wayland. The event will feature carolers, food trucks, tree lighting, library reading, and more!



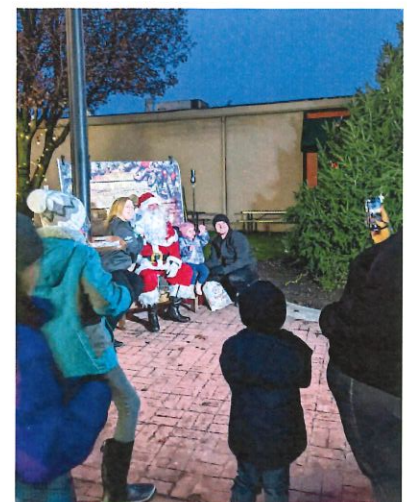
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Monster Mash



Harvest Market



Snowfest

## NOVEMBER 5TH GENERAL ELECTION

There are three City Council seats up for reelection this year, we have five candidates running. Below are short bios for each person running for City Council. All bios were provided by the candidates and the City of Wayland does not endorse any candidate running for election.

**Tracy Bivins** - My name is Tracy M Bivins. I was a 1988 graduate of Wayland Union schools. I have three grown children, two girls, and boy plus a wonderful husband. I also have three birds. I worked in the medical field for 17 years as a medical and surgical assistant and loved every minute of it. I previously served on the city council for 7 years. Along with the parks and recreation and policy committees. I am currently working with the DDA and Wayland Main Street putting my skills to work where possible to help run events in the city. I am running for city council to focus on the cities infrastructure, parking issues and snow removal. We have grown exponentially and all these areas need to be addressed. I look forward to serving the city of Wayland

**Norm Taylor** - I am running for reelection to a 3rd term on the Wayland City Council. I have worked and lived in the city since 2010 with his wife Debbie. We have 3 grown children and 12 grandchildren living in the city of Wayland. I am a former superintendent of Wayland Union Schools and currently serving on the Board of Education. I am also the Vice President of the Wayland Area Chamber of Commerce Board serving as a Chamber Ambassador. My past civic activities included being a member of the Wayland Kiwanis, DDA, MI Main Street Promotions Committee, and Wayland Union Education Foundation. I currently work part-time at General RV as a Delivery Specialist, while enjoying time with my family & grandchildren, traveling, officiating high school sports, and attending Tiger games.

**Rob Garcia** - I am a committed husband, proud father and grandfather, hardworking and active in the community. I have worked at DTE for 30 years. It has been an honor for me to be part of Wayland City Council since 2018. During that time I have served on the Budget Committee, part of the Public Safety Committee, the planning committee, Wayland Chamber Commerce, and volunteered with the Wayland Downtown Developmental Authority.

**Joe Kramer** - I was appointed to the council in July of 2018 to fill vacancy caused by medical issues of another member and have been re-elected by the citizens twice. Have served as Mayor Pro-tem for the last four years. I also represent the city on the board of directors for Wayland Area Emergency Medical Service (WAEMS). I am a Wayland High School grad and a retired communications specialist. I have lived in Wayland over 40 years with wife Amy. We raised 5 children here. Have served the residents of this city as an EMT for WAEMS for 41 years, have been involved with the Boy Scouts of America with the Wayland troop for more than 25 years, have been an MHSAA high school soccer official for 20 years, and active in community recreation teams in soccer, baseball and softball.

**Eric Whittredge** - My name is Eric David Whittredge, I am 44 years old and have lived in Wayland for as long as I can remember, back to my earliest childhood memory. I work as a CNC Machinist and my Grandfather served the Wayland community as an EMT for many years. He also served the Wayland community school system as a teacher's aid for many years. I personally have enjoyed attending many of our community events such as the Wayland festival, movies, concerts in the park, and the farmers market just to name a few. As I have lived and enjoyed this city as my home town for so many years, I feel having the opportunity to serve as a city council member for the city of Wayland would be a great way to become more involved in my community.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT LOOKING FOR PAID-ON-CALL 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](mailto:jsmith@cityofwayland.org).

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## REMINDERS

Reminder to please check the City website for the Brush and Leaf Pickup Policy. Also, a 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 during the following days to observe the winter holidays.

- November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving
- December 24th and 25th for Christmas
- December 31st for New Years Eve

## CONTACTS

- City Manager - Interim Jae Guetschow (269-792-2265)
- City Clerk - Lee Ann Clausen (269-792-2265.)
- Finance Treasury - Kate Balfourt - (269-792-2265)
- Interim Fire Chief - Jonathan Timmers - 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 (269-525-2000)