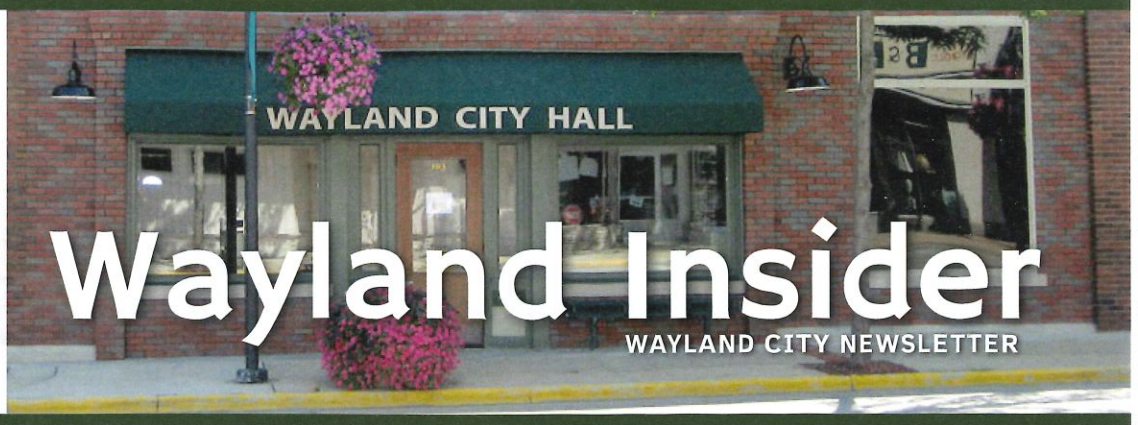


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## DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Wayland begins its **annual leaf pickup** service on **Monday, October 13, 2025**. Crews will collect leaves placed curbside, helping residents keep their yards clear during the fall.

Residents are reminded to rake leaves to the curb—not into the street—to keep roadways and storm drains clear. Sticks, branches, and other yard debris should not be mixed in. Leaf pickup will continue through the fall until weather no longer permits.

**For schedules, guidelines, and updates, visit:**  
<https://www.cityofwayland.org/services/leaf-pick-up>

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**Lee Ann Clausen** 269-792-2265

Finance Director:  
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DDA Director:  
**Holli McPherson** 269-525-2323

## NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ELECTION

There are three City Council seats up for reelection this year, we have four candidates running. **Inside you'll find 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.



## OTHER ELECTION INFORMATION

- Absentee voter ballots will be available on September 25, 2025.
- The last day to register to vote by mail is October 20, 2025.
- MOVE (Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment) deadline is September 20, 2025.
- If you are not already a registered voter, you can register on line or at your local Secretary of State office.
- Apply for a ballot ONLINE or use the QR Code for a PRINTABLE application. After you print, fill out and sign the form, you can mail it to 103 S. Main, Wayland, MI 49348, drop it off in person or take a picture and email it to Deputy City Clerk, Joyce Jenkins at [jjenkins@cityofwayland.org](mailto:jjenkins@cityofwayland.org).



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## 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 worked with 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 is the law in Michigan. In the past 2 years the group has provided over 950 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.



## MONSTER MASH

Join us for our fourth annual Monster Mash! We're closing the streets for an evening of Halloween fun for all ages! Trunk-or-Treat, multiple kid's activities, vendors, and food trucks all downtown.

**October 25th from 5-9pm**



## 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.

**November 8th from 9am-2pm  
at the Pine Street Gym**



## SNOWFEST

Snowfest is back this year in downtown Wayland. The event will feature carolers, food trucks, tree lighting, library reading, and more!

**December 6th from 5-9pm**

## MORE IMPORTANT DATES

### DDA BOARD MEETINGS

8:00 – 9:00 am at City Hall

October 16  
November 20  
December 18

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

City Hall will be closed

November 11 (Veterans Day)  
November 27 – 28  
December 24 – 26  
December 31 – January 2

### FARMERS MARKET DATES

<b>OCTOBER 1</b> 3:00pm – 7:00pm	<b>OCTOBER 11</b> 9:00am – 1:30pm	<b>OCTOBER 22</b> 3:00pm – 7:00pm
<b>OCTOBER 4</b> 9:00am – 1:30pm	<b>OCTOBER 15</b> 3:00pm – 7:00pm	<b>OCTOBER 25</b> 9:00am – 1:30pm
<b>OCTOBER 8</b> 3:00pm – 7:00pm	<b>OCTOBER 18</b> 9:00am – 1:30pm	<b>OCTOBER 29</b> 3:00pm – 7:00pm

### WINTER TAX BILLS

Winter tax bills will be mailed out around December 1 and are due by February 16. If paid after February 16, a 3% penalty and 1% interest apply.

### RECYCLE COLLECTION

Tuesdays  
October 7 and 21  
November 4 and 18  
December 2, 16, and 30



# MEET OUR NEW POLICE OFFICER

In the beginning of 2025, we welcomed Officer Clayton Feyen as a police officer with the Wayland Police Department. Officer Feyen has since completed field training and is assigned to night shift. Officer Feyen grew up in Jamestown Township in Ottawa County. After graduating from Hudsonville Public Schools, he enrolled in the police academy at Grand Rapids Community College, graduating in the spring of 2024. Before starting the police academy, he completed the Life EMS' EMT academy and worked with Wayland Area EMS as an EMT while attending GRCC's police academy. Working at Wayland Area EMS helped create and develop his passion of being a first responder. During 2024, he was involved in three incidents' and was accredited with saving a patient from cardiac arrest. Recently, Feyen completed an Advanced EMT course advancing his medical license.



## PROHIBITED ORV/GOLF CART OPERATION

**MCL Section 324.81122** — Roads, streets, and highways maintained for year-round automobile travel are closed to ORV operation, including the shoulder and the right-of-way. ORVs registered as motor vehicles by the Secretary of State may be operated on the roadway. ORVs may be operated on a roadway in accordance with a locally enacted ordinance. The ORV rider is responsible for contacting the local authorities to find out which roadways are open to ORV use.



# CONCERTS IN THE PARK — A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

The City of Wayland would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible sponsors—Brik Plumbing, Chrouch Communications, Wightman Engineering, Professional Code Inspections, and Baugh Shoe Repair—for helping us make our August 2025 Concert Series possible. Your support allows us to bring music, joy, and community together in such a meaningful way. We would also like to thank our talented performers—The Scottville Clown Band, Dixon's Violin, The 6 Pak Band, DJ Scratchy Chan, DJ Mellow 616, and DJ Konundrum—for filling each week with amazing, diverse performances that kept our audiences entertained and inspired.



Thank you to our sponsors  
who made these events  
possible!



## TIPS FOR DRIVING IN SNOW

- Drive slowly. Always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Increase your following distance to five to six seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will just make your wheels spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill slowly.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.



## FIRE HYDRANT PAINTING

You may notice the fire hydrants in the city looking different in the coming months. We are in the process of painting the fire hydrants to reflect their water flow rate according to NFPA 291 guidelines. Wayland is fortunate to have a very robust water supply so you will notice most fire hydrants with blue markings, reflecting a water supply of over 1,500 gallons per minute for firefighting operations. This is one of several steps being taken by the fire department to help lower our Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. We look forward to sharing the results of our next ISO survey later this year.



## FIREFIGHTER GRADUATION

The Wayland Fire Department is proud to announce the graduation of three new firefighters from the Allegan County Fire Academy. Ryan Barnes, Ryan Cinzori and Jamie Snyder graduated from the 295-hour fire academy in June and are now certified firefighters.





# CANDIDATES FOR WAYLAND CITY COUNCIL

## **AUBREY CHUBB**

I am proud to be running for Wayland City Council. I have been a Wayland resident for over 20 years, and together with my husband, we have raised our three children here—two of whom have already graduated through the district, with one still making their way through. As a married mother of three, I've experienced firsthand both the strengths and the challenges our community faces. I am running because I want to understand the concerns of our community, like why our property taxes are so high, and more importantly, I want to be part of the solution. Serving on City Council is an opportunity for me to give back to the community that has given so much to my family, and I am committed to asking the tough questions, listening to residents, and working toward a future that supports all Wayland families.

## **ABE GARCIA**

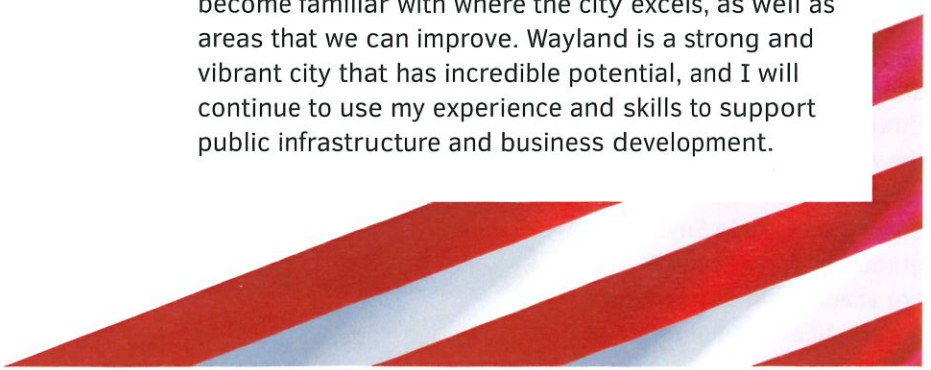
My name is Abe Garcia, and I'm proud to call Wayland home. After serving our community for six years on City Council, I'm seeking re-election because I believe in Wayland's future. With a background of 30 years at DTE Energy, including 15 as a supervisor, and my current role at CDL Electric as a Railroad Signal Maintainer, I bring experience in leadership, problem-solving, and teamwork. I'm running because I want to continue supporting smart growth, keeping Wayland a welcoming place for families, and ensuring our city services remain strong and reliable. Most importantly, I believe in listening to residents and working together to make Wayland the best it can be.

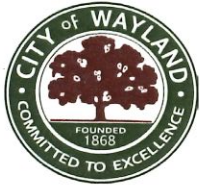
## **MEGAN MICKELSON**

I'm running for Wayland City Council because I believe strong communities are built when neighbors get involved and work together. As a planner, I've spent my career assisting communities in transportation planning while honoring their unique characteristics - and I want to share that expertise with Wayland. Wayland's small-town charm and historic character make it a special place to call home. My goal is to listen, collaborate, and make thoughtful decisions that support families, strengthen local businesses, and keep our city thriving for generations to come. As a mom, a professional, a Wayland alumni, and a proud community member, I'm excited for the opportunity to serve Wayland and ensure our city's future is bright.

## **STEVE STEPEK**

Hello City of Wayland voters! I'm Steve Stepek. I've had the pleasure of serving on the City Council for almost 3 years. Prior to my appointment to the City Council, I served on the city Planning Commission. I am a lifelong public servant, having worked in the public sector my entire professional career. I hold a bachelor's degree in Geography and Planning and a Master of Public Administration from Grand Valley State University. I currently serve as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Kalamazoo area. My 20+ year career has focused on the development of public infrastructure, collaboration among local governments, and securing funding. I'm also a part time adjunct professor at GVSU. I hope to continue using this experience to better the Wayland community. During my time on the City Council, I have become familiar with where the city excels, as well as areas that we can improve. Wayland is a strong and vibrant city that has incredible potential, and I will continue to use my experience and skills to support public infrastructure and business development.





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## 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**



## KEEPING YOUR DRIVEWAY CLEAR

While plowing is underway, driveways that have already been shoveled may become filled back in with snow. Shoveling the area along the roadway on the oncoming traffic side of your driveway will help avoid additional work after plows have gone through.

If you can, help neighbors and relatives who may have difficulty removing snow in front of their properties.



## TIME TO PREPARE FOR HEATING SEASON

Fall is an excellent time to prepare for the winter heating season and ensure every resident in Wayland is protected by working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. 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 residents in Wayland. It is our goal to save lives and property by ensuring all homes have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

To schedule installation for the free alarms, contact Firefighter Ryan Penny at 269-509-6185 or [rpenny@cityofwayland.org](mailto:rpenny@cityofwayland.org).

## CITY REINSTATES SIDEWALK SNOWPLOWING SERVICES

The City of Wayland has announced the return of sidewalk snow plowing services this winter, bringing added convenience and safety for residents. The service will focus first on sidewalks along main roads, followed by school zones to ensure safe routes for students, and then extend into neighborhoods and local streets.

