

APRIL - JUNE

# Wayland Insider

Wayland City Newsletter



## Vibrancy Grant

Downtown Wayland was awarded a statewide grant to help create a better vibrant downtown. The grant will be used for outside speakers downtown, a new welcome sign by the highway and fund our Hype Team!. By investing in these initiatives, Downtown Wayland aims to create a dynamic and engaging environment that celebrates creativity and community spirit. The future looks bright for Downtown Wayland!

## 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](mailto:jsmith@cityofwayland.org).



## Calendar

### April

- April 9 - Recycling
- April 8-12 - Hydrant Flushing
- April 23 - Recycling

### May

- May 7 - Local Election No Early Voting
- May 7 - Recycling
- May 15 - Bike Night Downtown Wayland 5pm-9pm (Roads Closed)
- May 21 - Recycling
- May 27 - Memorial Day City Hall Closed

### June

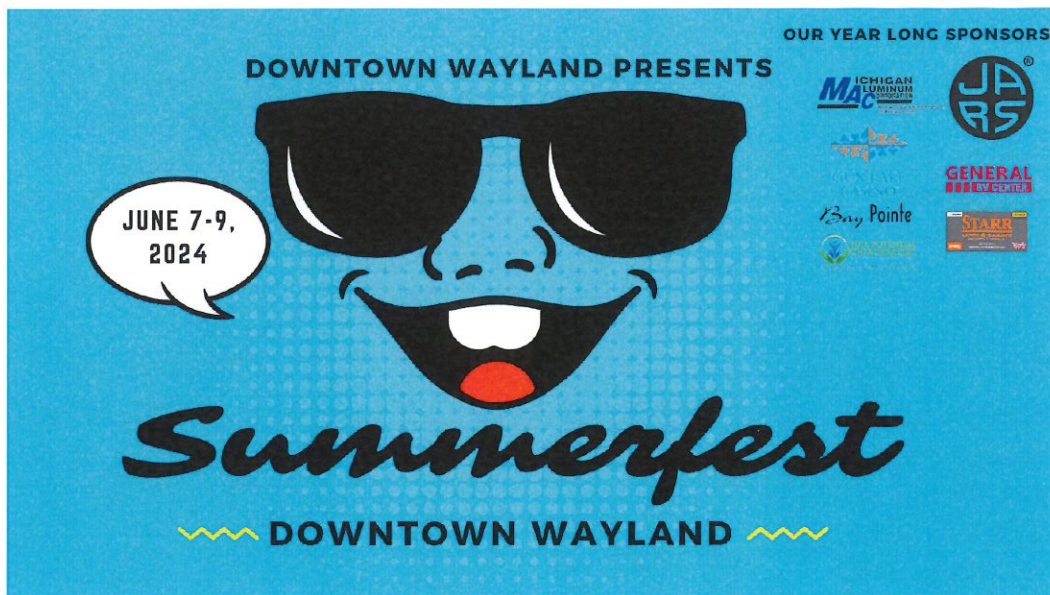
- June 1 - WOW Battle of the Bands Downtown Wayland 6pm-10pm (Roads Closed)
- June 4 - Recycling
- June 6-8 - City Wide Sales
- June 7-9 - Summerfest
- June 10-11- Spring Clean-Up Days
- June 11 - Farmers Market noon-6pm (City Park)
- June 14 - Comedy Night Downtown Wayland - 6pm-8pm
- June 15 - Farmers Market noon-6pm (City Park)
- June 18 - Recycling
- June 19- Bike Night Downtown Wayland 5pm-9pm (Roads Closed)
- June 21 - Comedy Night Downtown Wayland- 6pm-8pm
- June 22 - Wayland Farmers Market - 9-2 (City Park)
- June 25 - Farmers Market noon-6pm (City Park)
- June 28 - Comedy Night Downtown Wayland - 6pm-8pm
- June 29 - Wayland Farmers Market - 9-2 (City Park)

## Summerfest

This year Wayland Main Street is turning up the volume on Summerfest. The event will be from June 7th-9th and will include the Car Show sponsored by Ed Khoen Ford, Firefighter breakfast sponsored by the Wayland Hotel, Wildcat Color Run sponsored by Auto Body Experts, music and more!

The weekend will kick off with a concert by Rick DeeZ and a foam party downtown Wayland on Friday night from 6 pm-10 pm. Saturday starts with a pancake breakfast, the car show, and a color run for 18 years and younger. As the day progresses, more events will take place. The Chill Zone will be in the Bentleys parking lot featuring yard games, dunk tanks, rides, a video game area and more. The streets will be filled with street performers, animal balloon artists, arts and vendors, and more! There will be the 3-on-3 basketball tournament and cornhole tournament as well! Sunday will have a service by NewLife Church downtown as well!

Make sure to come on down and enjoy all the music, activities for all ages, food trucks, social district drinks and community.



## City-Wide Brush Pickup Policy

Within the City of Wayland, brush will be picked up every Tuesday from approximately May through October and after severe storms. Your cooperation in adhering to this schedule will be appreciated. Please use the following guidelines (failure to do so will result in your brush not being picked up):

### Brush Must BE:

Placed in the public road right-of-way between the sidewalk and the street no sooner than the night before or later than 7 AM on the pickup day.

Less than 6' and NO larger than 4" in diameter.

Stacked in one direction with butts at the road side.

Limited to the amount that can be loaded on a single 1-ton dump truck, per week, and the brush must originate from that property.

### Brush Must NOT:

Include loose leaves, twigs, stumps, vines, grass clippings, ornamental grass, flowers, sod, plants, roots or root balls.

Include trash, nails, building materials, dirt or rocks.

Be tied with string, twine, wire or any other material.

Be left by a commercial tree removal or trimming company. If cut by one of these companies, they should remove it as part of their contract with the property owner. It will not be picked-up if it is in a leaf/lawn bags.

## Motorcycle Safety Tips

“Look twice, save a life” isn’t just a slogan—it’s solid advice. While safety should always be the main concern whenever you’re driving, when automobiles and motorcycles begin to share the road in warmer months, it’s a good idea to be extra vigilant. Remember, motorcycles are vehicles with the same rights and privileges as any vehicle on the roadway. It’s important for motorists to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists, such as size, visibility and motorcycle riding practices, to know how to best respond to them.

Whether you’re the one operating the automobile or the motorcycle, check out our 10 tips on motorcycle safety for car drivers to make sure everyone makes it to their destination safely

1. Share the road, not the lane.
2. Increase your following distance for flashing turn signals.
3. A minor annoyance to a motorist could be a major hazard to a motorcyclist.
4. Remember that motorcycles react differently.
5. Look in all directions during left turns.
6. Treat intersections with special care.
7. Check your blind spots.
8. Pass with care.
9. Keep weather in mind.
10. Help riders stay safe at night.

## Henika Library Corner

There’s always something to do at the library! Stop in for Pokémon Club, Bingo Brunch, visit our seed library and more. While you’re at it, check out a book, gaming console, mobile-hotspot or whatever tickles your fancy. Learn more at [henikalibrary.com](http://henikalibrary.com). Stay tuned for Summer Reading beginning June 8th.

## Annual Spring Clean-up

June 3rd and June 4th Wayland will have their annual spring clean-up days. Please place your items at the curb the night before (or no later than 7am the morning of).

West side of Main Street - June 10th

East Side of Main Street - June 11th

Please note: Broken concrete, appliances, iron fence post, paint, tires, grass clippings, small items that are not boxed/bagged appropriately, and any items weighing over 60 pounds will **NOT** be picked-up. Please do not mix household trash with leaves and brush.

## 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.



## Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant Flushing will be taking place the second week of April. Flushing may cause the water in the distribution system to stir up any 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 plumbing, run a faucet on COLD for 5-10 minutes. Be sure not to use any hot water, as this could cause a mineral build up in your water heater and potential discoloration in your lighter colored laundry.

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## REMINDERS

Please no batteries in the drop box.

Make sure to check your smoke detector and the batteries in them.

Walk your bikes on the sidewalks downtown Wayland - This is for the safety of the bikers and pedestrians. Bikers can be hit by opening of the store front doors or could hurt someone walking.

Splash Pad Opening - The splash pad will be open Memorial Day weekend (weather permitting). This will also include the public restrooms.

## CONTACTS

- City Manager - Josh Eggleston (269-792-2265)
- City Clerk - Lee Ann Clausen (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)