



# CITY LITES

CITY OF WAYLAND, MI

SPRING 2010

## '10 SPRING CALENDAR

Feb 19	Assessment Notices Mailed
Feb 19	Recycle Day
Mar 1	Joint City Council/DDA
Mar 5	Recycle Day
Mar 8,9,10	Board of Review
Mar 9	Planning Commission
Mar 15	City Council
Mar 18	Downtown Dev. Auth.
Mar 18	Park Committee
Mar 19	Recycle Day
Apr 2	Holiday- City Offices Closed
Apr 2	Recycle Day
Apr 5	City Council
Apr 13	Planning Commission
Apr 15	Downtown Dev. Auth.
Apr 15	Park Committee
Apr 16	Recycle Day
Apr 19	City Council
Apr 30	Recycle Day
May 3	City Council
May 4	Election Day (City/Schools)
May 11	Planning Commission
May 14	Recycle Day
May 17	City Council
May 20	Downtown Dev. Auth.
May 20	Park Committee
May 28	Recycle Day
May 31	Holiday- City Offices Closed
Jun 7	City Council
Jun 8	Planning Commission
Jun 11	Recycle Day
Jun 17	Downtown Dev. Auth.
Jun 17	Park Committee
Jun 21	City Council
Jun 25	Recycle Day

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

7 PM – City Hall

### PLANNING COMM. MEETINGS

7 PM – City Hall

### DDA MEETINGS

12 PM (Noon) – City Hall

### PARK COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7 PM – City Hall

In compliance with the MI Open Meetings Act and in the spirit of GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY, all City meetings are open to the public.

## 2010 ELECTIONS: DATES & INFORMATION

There are three scheduled elections for City voters in 2010:

- Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – City Council and School Board Election
- Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – State Primary Election
- Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – State General Election

### Remember to bring your I.D.

Please remember to bring your current and unexpired Michigan Driver's License or Michigan Personal Identification Card to your polling location on Election Day.

Voters who do not possess either document may show any of the following forms of picture identification as long as they are current:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. Passport
- Military identification card with photo
- Student identification with photo – from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal identification card with photo.

For additional information, please visit the Secretary of State's "Voter Information Center" online at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote).

### Where do I vote?

Voters registered in the City of Wayland vote at the City Public Safety Complex at 160 W. Superior Street. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM each election.

### Voter Registration

Residents may register to vote for federal, state and local elections by mail; at your county, city or township clerk's office; or by visiting any Secretary of State Branch office.

In Michigan, once a citizen is registered, there is no requirement to re-register unless they change their permanent residence address.

If you have never voted in Michigan and register by mail, you must appear in person to vote in the first election in which you wish to participate. This requirement does not apply if you:

- personally hand-deliver the registration form to your county, city or township clerk's office instead of mailing the form
- are 60 years of age or older
- are disabled
- are eligible to vote under the Uniformed & Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act.

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## CURBSIDE RECYCLING CHANGES FROM BAGS TO BINS IN 2010!

There will be a major change in the collection process for the curbside recycling program. In April 2010, current recycling households will be receiving one bin from Allied Waste. You will place your recyclable materials in this new bin for curbside collection. The operating costs for the bin program will come solely from the annual \$25 recycling surcharge included on your summer tax bill.

**The current bag collection system will be terminated after your bin is received in April.**

Please contact Ben Williams, Allegan Co. Recycling Coordinator at 269-673-5415 if you do not receive a bin by the end of April.

### Materials Accepted for Recycling:

Each bin must have material separated as follows:

#### Group #1: Paper products

- newspapers & junk mail
- brown bags & paperboard (or box board- cereal boxes without inner liners)
- phone books, catalogs & magazines
- corrugated cardboard & paper towel tubes

#### Group #2: Metal, glass & plastic products

- glass containers (clear, green & brown)
- #1-5 & 7 plastic containers, bottles, jugs, tubs & cups (no #6 foam or Styrofoam products at this time)
- #2 or #4 plastic grocery carry-out bags
- metal cans, empty aerosol cans
- household batteries (place in zip-lock bags)

Please place overflow materials in similar sized bins. (Large plastic totes can be used; see picture below right.) Each household may have as many overflow bins as needed. Please place the bins within 6 feet of the road edge the night before the collection day.

### Proper Preparation of Materials:

1. Rinse all containers
2. Remove caps from all containers, then place each separately in the recycling container
3. Break down cardboard boxes
4. Check for recycling symbol & number on containers
5. Place materials to the curb the night before pick-up
6. **No** items with any food or organic material in container
7. **No** Styrofoam (#6 symbol) of any kind
8. **No** hazardous waste containers (engine oil, pesticide containers, etc.)
9. **No** large plastic items (plastic lawn chairs, five-gallon buckets, etc.)

### Collection continues to be every other Friday:

Jan. 8, 22	May 14, 28	Sept. 3, 17
Feb. 5, 19	June 11, 25	Oct. 1, 15, 29
Mar. 5, 19	July 9, 23	Nov. 12, 27*
Apr. 2, 16, 30	Aug. 6, 20	Dec. 10, 24

\* Collection day is the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

### Resource Recovery Cards:

City residents who pay the annual \$25 surcharge fee may receive Resource Recovery I.D. cards, which may be used to drop off appliances, tires, Styrofoam (no peanuts) & large cardboard items at one of the County's monitored recycling depots. The closest depot to Wayland is @ the Salem Twp. Transfer Station, 29<sup>th</sup> St. near Burnips, and ¼-mi. south of 142<sup>nd</sup>. This site is open March - Dec. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 9 AM - 3 PM.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection:

The I.D. card also allows participation in the Allegan Co. Health Dept.'s (ACHD) household hazardous waste (HHW) collection program. ACHD contracts with a company to collect, sort and properly dispose of HHW. This is a great way to properly dispose of the following items.

#### Yard, Garden

##### & Garage:

- weed killer
- fertilizer
- pesticides/poisons
- antifreeze
- auto fluids
- deck sealer

##### Home:

- oil-based paint
- wood stain/finish
- cleaning products
- paint thinner
- adhesives
- glues

##### Miscellaneous:

- fluorescent bulbs
- mercury
- thermometers
- batteries (not auto)
- aerosol cans

Note: Latex paint is not accepted

The next HHW collection day is scheduled for Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Wayland Area Ambulance building @ 911 S. Main St. in Wayland. The collection will run from 9AM – 12PM (noon). **You must call City Hall @ 269-792-2265 to schedule a drop-off appointment.**

The May 15<sup>th</sup> HHW collection service will also, for the first time, allow for the drop-off of unused/expired medications as well as used "sharps" (needles, syringes, lancets & other sharp objects.)



## “TAKE 10” AND HELP THE CITY OF WAYLAND GET WHAT IT NEEDS FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses will receive a **2010 Census** form by mail or hand delivery. The 2010 Census will document the changes in our nation since the last decennial census in 2000, and tell us how we have evolved as a country. Because census data affect how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state & local governments, the census also will frame the future of our country & community for the next 10 years.

During Census 2000, the mail participation rate was 72% as of the April 2000 cut-off. About \$85 million is saved for every 1% increase in mail participation. For these & many other reasons, we must work to encourage everyone's participation in the census.

### Here's what you should know about the 2010 Census:

**It's easy.** One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The individual in whose name the housing unit is rented or owned should complete the form on behalf of every person living there, both relatives and nonrelatives.

**It's important.** Census data are used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state & local governments. Information from the census helps determine locations for childcare and senior centers, new roads, hospitals, schools & community centers.

**It's safe.** By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

Finally, the most efficient way to respond to the 2010 Census is to complete the form as soon as it arrives and return it in the postage-paid return envelope. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take the count in person.

For more information about the 2010 Census and the “Take 10” initiative, visit [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov).

## 2010 ELECTION INFORMATION

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Voters registered by the 30<sup>th</sup> day before elections are eligible to vote in that election. A person must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days and a resident of the City on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election in which they plan to vote.

Whenever you move to a new city or township, you must re-register to vote. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office or visit the MI Secretary of State's website at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote).

### Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots for any election may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office. Registered voters are eligible to receive an absentee ballot if they:

- Expect to be absent from the City on Election Day; or
- Are physically unable to attend the polls; or
- Are 60 years of age or older.

An application for an absentee ballot may be obtained by stopping by the **City Clerk's Office at City Hall – 103 S. Main St., Wayland, MI** or by contacting the Clerk at **269-792-2265**. The voter may also submit a written request, indicating the name, address, reason for requesting the ballot, and an original signature.

The voter returns the signed application to the Clerk and once the application has been received, the ballot for each election that year can either be given or mailed to the voter. State law does not allow one person to pick up a ballot for another person. If an individual returns an application for an absentee ballot on behalf of another, that ballot will be mailed to the voter.

### Apply to be an Election Inspector

We are in need of adults and interested High School students, 16 years of age and older, who would like to participate in the election process. In order to become qualified to serve as an Election Inspector, the Allegan County Clerk conducts training sessions. Fill out the Election Inspector Application form and forward to the City Clerk's office. The form is available from the Clerk or at the following SOS website link:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Elec\\_Inspecc-Appl\\_131809\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Elec_Inspecc-Appl_131809_7.pdf)

## DIRECT PAYMENT ACH FOR UTILITY BILLS

Direct automatic payment from your checking or savings account is available for City utility bills. To enroll in this free service:

- Call the utility billing clerk at (269) 792-2265 for details or with questions
- You will still receive a copy of your utility bill in the mail for your records
- Do not submit payment if you have received a confirmation for the direct payment service
- This program is only available for utility payments, not property tax payments

## CITY OF WAYLAND DIRECTORY

CITY COUNCIL

<b>Mayor</b> Tim Bala .....	792-2636
Jennifer Antel .....	792-2427
Sheryl Hamilton .....	792-0153
Jeff Hudson .....	792-1658
Ron Kobish .....	792-1013
Greg Maichele .....	792-1534
Bruce Patrick .....	792-8391

PLANNING COMMISSION

<b>Chair</b> J. D. Gonzales .....	792-1273
Sam Dykstra .....	792-2945
John Frigmanski .....	792-8868
Ann Kilmartin .....	792-3755
Ryan Martin .....	616-437-1409
Jim Ramey .....	792-1560
Arny Rodriguez .....	795-4174
Kelle Tobolic .....	792-6878
Ron Kobish (Ex-Officio).....	792-1013

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<b>Chair</b> Mike Salisbury .....	792-3771
Mayor Tim Bala .....	792-2636
Karen Gregersen .....	792-2060
Joe Hamilton .....	792-0153
Ron House .....	792-9952
Stuart Isenhoff .....	792-6907
Monte Listopad .....	792-9377
Clare Vilenski .....	792-9331

CITY STAFF

<b>City Hall</b> , 103 S. Main St. ....	792-2265
Chris A. Yonker .....	City Manager
Michelle Herman .....	City Clerk
Bhama Cairns .....	Dep. CM/Finance/Treas.
Jeannie Franck .....	Assessor/Dep. Treas.
Jason Beckwith ..	Admin. Support Specialist
<b>Safety Complex</b> , 160 W. Superior St.	
Dan Miller .....	Police Chief
Police Dept. Admin. # .....	792-9366
Joe Miller .....	Fire Chief
Fire Dept. Admin. # .....	792-6300
<b>Emergency</b> (Police/Fire/Ambulance) .	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>Public Works</b> , 965 S. Main St. ....	792-2518
Pierre Brazeau .....	Dir. of City Services

## CITY-WIDE BRUSH PICK UP POLICY

In order to provide the citizens of Wayland with the best service, & to keep our City's public ways looking beautiful, we pick up brush every Tuesday & after severe storms. Your cooperation in adhering to this schedule will be appreciated. Please use the following guidelines:

BRUSH MUST BE:

- Placed in the public road right-of-way between the sidewalk & street no sooner than the night before or later than 7 AM on the pickup day
- At least 2' but less than 6' long & no larger than 4" in diameter
- Stacked in one direction w/ butts @ the curb/road side
- Limited to the amount that can be loaded on a single 1-ton dump truck per property, per month & must originate from that property.

BRUSH MUST NOT:

- Include loose leaves, twigs, stumps, vines, grass clippings, sod, plants, roots or root balls
- Include trash, nails, building materials, dirt or rocks
- Be tied with string, twine, wire or other material
- Be left for City pick up by commercial tree removal or trimming companies, who should remove it as part of their contract with the property owner.

## GRASS CLIPPINGS DISPOSAL POLICY

Spring has sprung and the time has come to concentrate on our outside duties around the yard. Many people contact City Hall regarding the disposal of grass clippings during the summer months. Research recommends that clippings be left on the lawn to absorb back into the soil or be composted with other natural yardwaste. The City does not provide grass clipping or yardwaste disposal services. State law now prohibits the landfilling of yardwaste, so please do not place grass clippings in your trash cart or bag.

For grass clipping & other yardwaste removal, contact your refuse hauler to see if they offer this service to their customers. Some companies offer collection options such as cart service or compostable paper bags. While the City cannot endorse any one company, we are aware that the following refuse haulers provide yardwaste services:

- Allied Waste (Jenison): (877) MY TRASH
- Republic Services (Kalamazoo): (269) 373-4070
- Waste Management (Grand Rapids): (800) 796-9696
- Generic Garbage (Holland): (888) 322-8200

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you are considering erecting a fence, deck or porch on your property, please keep in mind that our water meter reader must be able to access the remote box on the side of the building. If you have a pet, please keep them leashed or in the house during the meter reading time. Fences, decks & porches also require a building permit. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall @ 792-2265.

