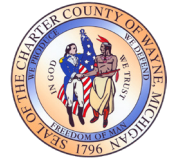




# Wayne County Commissioner **AL HAIDOUS**



Fall 2021

**11th District**

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## **Committed to moving Wayne County forward**

**Dear friends:**

As we enjoy the summer weather and all the beautiful natural resources our county and state have to offer, we should remain vigilant and do our best to maintain our safety and well-being. As always, we are thankful for a strong community supported by our police officers, firefighters, teachers, nurses, doctors, health care professionals, grocery workers, transportation workers, childcare personnel and other frontline workers.

There is no doubt it has been a year of challenges and change, without exception we have met these challenges head-on as a team. The key to our success has been open and honest dialogue and always putting our community first. I will always be committed to Wayne County District 11 and maintain an open-door policy. I am always available to hear your concerns, innovative ideas, or simply to talk.

While we reflect upon the past year, it is important to remain forward facing. We have continued to inspect and repair bridges throughout District 11 and have started paving dirt roads to enhance travel. Economic development plans are taking shape as many have been approved and others are working their way through the approval process.

Despite the pandemic we are making great strides and moving District 11 and the whole of Wayne County in the right direction. Our economy is improving and it's essential we keep building on the progress we have made. We all must do our part to control the spread of COVID-19 and to keep our loved ones safe and our community moving forward.

Please remember that you are able to view the Wayne County Commission committee meetings via Zoom. Please visit [www.waynecounty.com/commission](http://www.waynecounty.com/commission) for meeting dates, times and agendas.

Sincerely,

**Al Haidous**  
**District 11**

# Wayne County's response to COVID-19

Under the direction of Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans, Wayne County immediately went to work at the onset of the pandemic by providing essential public health services to help slow the spread of the virus. Partnering with various health care providers early during the pandemic, the county made testing more readily accessible to residents and employees and has helped administer more than 75,000 no-cost COVID-19 tests.

With personal protection equipment (PPE) crucial to combating the virus, the county has provided residents with more than three million face masks (including 186,000 to children). The county has also distributed PPE for first responders in all 43 Wayne County jurisdictions. PPE, including face masks and shields, disposable gloves, plastic gowns, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes, has also been provided for municipal employees, long term care facilities and funeral homes.

"Wayne County leadership has done an excellent job fighting this pandemic and issuing health care workers and residents the medical equipment needed to fight this virus," Commissioner Al Haidous said. "We will continue to work together for as long as it takes to put this pandemic behind us."

When local nursing homes experienced outbreaks, county public health nurses sprang into action and conducted on-site monitoring to ensure proper allocation and use of PPE, as well as compliance with other protocols, for the safety of residents and employees.

The day after receiving its first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine in December 2020, the Wayne County Health Department began administering vaccines with an initial focus on health care workers, first responders, teachers and seniors. To date, 66.7 percent of eligible Wayne County residents (excluding Detroit) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine—more than 7 percent above the state of Michigan total.

"From day one of this pandemic, Wayne County has worked tirelessly to keep our residents safe and healthy," said Genelle Allen, chief operating officer with the Executive's Office. "The collaborative relationships led by County Executive Warren Evans, along with other county officials and leaders in Wayne County's 43 communities, has ensured that our residents receive resources and information needed to stay safe."

As the virus (especially the Delta variant) continues to threaten the health and safety of residents, Wayne County remains vigilant. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and the most effective way to end this pandemic. Vaccine clinics are located all across Wayne County – no appointment is necessary, and vaccines are no-cost to residents. To find a convenient vaccine clinic, visit <http://waynecounty.com> or call 1-866-610-3885 to schedule a no-cost appointment.

## *How to receive your COVID-19 vaccine*

Vaccinations are available through the Wayne County Health Department at the following locations:

- Wayne County Community College in Taylor
- Schoolcraft College in Livonia
- Wayne County Community College-Ted Scott Campus in Belleville
- Flat Rock Community Center.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-866-610-3885 toll-free between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Currently walk-up vaccinations are available as well.

In addition, vaccinations are available by:

- Contacting your local hospital group
- Scheduling through a local CVS, Meijer or Rite-Aid pharmacy.

To find a vaccination provider near you, or for more information, visit the county website, [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).



## Wayne County has a new sheriff

Raphael Washington, a 37-year law enforcement professional, is the new Wayne County Sheriff.

Sheriff Washington was appointed in February by a three-member panel to replace the late Sheriff Benny Napoleon, who passed away in December from complications related to COVID-19.

Commissioner Al Haidous offered congratulations on his appointment and vowed to work closely to ensure safety for all Wayne County residents.

"I am confident Sheriff Washington will follow the late Sheriff Benny Napoleon in serving as a positive presence in the community," Commissioner Haidous said.



*Commissioner Haidous welcomes Sheriff Washington after he was appointed to the position in February.*

## Memorial honoring all Veterans



*Commissioner Haidous visits the Veterans Memorial in Belleville, dedicated by the residents of Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township to the brave men and women who have served in the U. S. Armed Forces.*

## Skills training partnerships help county residents find jobs

Through the Wayne County Sheriff's Office Skills Training Program, 179 Wayne County residents received training allowing them to obtain commercial driver's licenses, learn skilled trades, and open their own businesses. The sheriff's department partnered with Wayne County Community College to make this program possible. This one year program was financed through a \$578,609 in surplus sheriff's department funds generated through the department's contract to provide security services at WCCC campuses.

In a report presented to the Wayne County Commission Committee on Public Safety, Judiciary and Homeland Security the data showed 90 percent of all enrollees completed their courses and are employed in the fields of commercial driving, construction, skilled trades, earning between \$15-\$22 per hour.

## Youth Council proposes aid for those with mental health issues

During its inaugural year the Wayne County Commission Youth Council (WCCYC) drafted a resolution this year, which was unanimously adopted by the commission, calling for increased aid to be directed to youth experiencing mental health issues, including those resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The resolution outlines the lack of access, barriers to obtaining and stigma surrounding mental health care. It also highlights the link between mental health disorders and dropout rates among school age children. Furthermore, it discusses how the recent pandemic has increased the number of youth struggling with anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts.

To help the growing number of youth struggling with mental health issues the resolution requests educational institutions in Wayne County provide increased mental health resources including group therapy, peer counseling and community education.

The WCCYC is a new initiative aimed at encouraging youth throughout Wayne County to become involved and participate in their community. For information on how to become a member, visit the Youth Council website: <https://www.waynecounty.com/boards/wccya/home>



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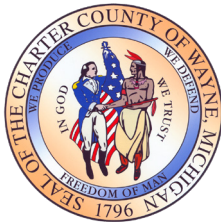
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A message from the  
Wayne County Treasurer's Office



Dear Fellow Taxpayers:

As your Wayne County Treasurer, it is my honor and privilege to serve you. Please be advised that to be compliant with Michigan law, starting next year, the final date to enter into a payment plan will be **March 14, 2022**, and the last day to pay your forfeited taxes to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office will be **March 31, 2022**. Our office will begin offering the payment plans for 2019 and prior years' delinquent taxes in July 2021 instead of October as we have in the past.

*Eric R. Sabree*

ERIC R. SABREE  
Wayne County Treasurer

### Property tax payment plans are available now!

#### Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement (IRSPA)

This payment plan reduces the interest rate from 18% to 6% for eligible taxpayers. To sign up, you must own and live in your home, and have a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) and ID that proves residency.

#### Distressed Owner Occupant Extension (DOOE)

This program is not available to everyone. If you own and live in the property, and are suffering financial hardship you may qualify for this program. Proof of ownership, occupancy, and hardship are required.

#### Stipulated Payment Agreement (SPA)

Available to everybody, this plan allows a taxpayer to pay taxes pursuant to a payment schedule. The plan will avoid foreclosure provided that payments are submitted per the agreed upon schedule.

#### Pay As You Stay Payment Agreement (PAYSPA)

Only for those who have first applied for their local municipality's Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE) and received an approval. Once notified by your local Assessor's office and deemed eligible, our office will mail you a notification letter with your Reduced Amount Due. You will have the option of paying a lump sum (additional 10% off) or enrolling into a PAYSPA.

**Stay safe. Save time.**

**Make your appointment online!**  
**treasurer.waynecounty.com**

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For more information email [WCTOPaymentPlans@waynecounty.com](mailto:WCTOPaymentPlans@waynecounty.com) or call (313) 224-5990.

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**2020-2021 Committee Assignments**

Committee of the Whole

Committee on Economic Development, **Chair**

Committee on Public Services

***All Wayne County Commission meetings  
are open to the public.***

**Southeast Michigan Council of Governments**

**SMART Mobility Board**

**Aerotropolis Board of Directors**

**SEGA/SEMCA Workforce Board - Chief Elected Official/Chair**

**Wayne County Airport Authority Executive Board - Vice-Chair**