



WCTO NEWS

Wayne County Treasurer's Office

Winter 2021

Wayne County Treasurer's Office hosted the Fourth Annual Veterans' Virtual Resource Fair



The Wayne County Treasurer's Office held the 4th Annual Veterans Virtual Resource Fair on December 10, 2020. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year's event was held virtually over Zoom. The purpose of the annual event is to honor our veterans and share information and resources on the various property tax programs available through the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.

Representatives from Veteran Affairs, VA Hospital, Wayne County Veteran Affairs and others organizations were available to share information and resources. Information on veteran's benefits, utility assistance, health care, employment, housing and much more was presented! We invited all branches of the armed services, veterans, veteran spouses and their family members to attend.

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APPOINTMENTS

Required to visit

The Wayne County Treasurer's office is **open by Appointment only** for the following transactions:

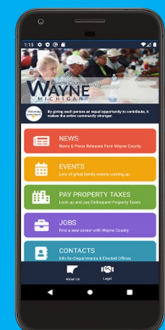
- "Pay as You Stay" transactions
- Payment Plans
- Deed Certifications (suspended during closure of Register of Deeds office).
- Required in person cash transactions*

To make an appointment, visit treasurer.waynecounty.com and fill out the form on the website.

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Wayne County Treasurer - Eric R. Sabree

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Wayne County Treasurer's Office hosted the Fourth Annual Veterans' Virtual Resource Fair (continued)

This year we have over 100 veterans, spouses, and their families in attendance on the call. We shared valuable information and over Fifty vendors provided resources covering housing, employment, benefits, health care and more.

Our Special invited guests for the event were: Senator Gary Peters, Senator Debbie Stabenow, MCAA Director, Zaneta Adams, and Wayne County Veteran's Affairs Director, Kwesi Betserai.

Also, our honorary co-chairs were: Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib. Following the speakers, we had an overview of the veteran's services offered by each vendor.

Virtual Administrative Show Cause Information Sessions

The Wayne County Treasurer's Office (WCTO) administrative Show Cause Hearings are being held remotely this year due to COVID-19. In recent years, the WCTO has invited local nonprofits and other organizations in an effort to prevent foreclosures. We would like our taxpayers to know that these resources are still available to them, although not in person.

In an effort to present some of these resources, the WCTO conducted bi-weekly Zoom calls. The Zoom calls were for informational purposes only. The WCTO had community partners available on the calls to explain what assistance is available to you and to ask questions or get referrals. These community partners include: The City of Detroit Assessor's Office and the City of Detroit Board of Review, along with key non-profits Wayne Metro, Lakeshore Legal and United Community Housing Coalition (UCHC). Other nonprofits and helpful organizations will also be on the Zoom calls to answer questions.

To review the information presented in the zoom calls, please visit our website at treasurer.waynecounty.com.

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Treasurer Media

Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree mourns the loss of three public servants



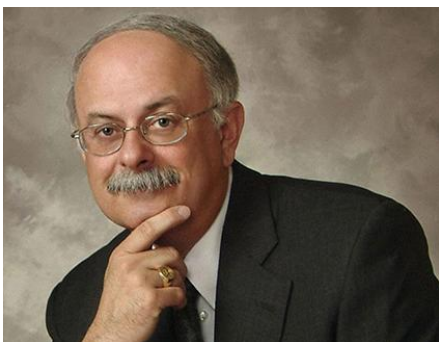
**Wayne County Commissioner
Jewel Ware**

Wayne County Commissioner Jewel Ware passed away on December 8, 2020. Jewel Ware served 25 years on the commission after first being elected in 1994. She represented the 2nd Commission District, including downtown Detroit as well as the site of the new Wayne County Criminal Justice Complex.

Wayne County lost Sheriff Benny Napoleon to Covid-19 on December 17, 2020. Benny had a long career in law enforcement, stretching over 40 years. He began his career as a police officer for the City of Detroit and rose through the ranks to eventually become police chief under Mayor Dennis Archer in 1998. Benny became sheriff of Wayne County in 2009. During his tenure as sheriff, Benny Napoleon expanded the county's electronic monitoring program to more than 500 tether participants a day, generating about \$22 million in savings. He also reduced daily inmate populations by using alternative incarceration options. He also focused the Sheriff's department on community relations and reducing police response times.



**Wayne County Sheriff
Benny Napoleon**



**Dearborn Heights Mayor
Dan Paletko**

Dearborn Heights Mayor Dan Paletko passed away on December 29, 2020 after testing positive for COVID-19. Dan was deeply concerned about the residents of his city and those throughout Wayne County.

Hardship Applications for commercial properties and landlords

To address the increasing financial distress experienced by many Wayne County taxpayers during the COVID -19 pandemic, the Wayne County Treasurer's Office (WCTO) Financial Hardship Policy now includes certain occupied Commercial and Residential Rental properties to allow for an extended payment period through 2023.

Property owners with delinquent taxes may review the hardship policy or apply for a payment plan on our website: treasurer.waynecounty.com. Please email completed applications and any questions to wctopaymentplans@waneyecounty.com.

Treasurer Sabree donates to Piquette Square Veterans

Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree in partnership with the Family Basketball Organization donated apparel and other items to the formerly homeless veterans who reside at Piquette Square.

The Family Basketball Organization, which Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree serves as a board member of, donated clothing, backpacks, and other gear to the veterans.

Operated by Southwest Solutions, Piquette Square is a 150-unit apartment project in Detroit that houses and cares for homeless veterans. Piquette Square offers comprehensive support services to help the veterans develop self-sufficiency and reintegrate into the community.



Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree hands out t-shirts to veterans at Piquette Square.



Chery Allen, volunteer coordinator at Southwest Solutions; Odester Lawrence, a veteran who used to reside at Piquette Square; Gary Martin, a veteran at Piquette Square; and Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree.



Players and coaches of The Family Basketball Organization, Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree, and veterans residing at Piquette Square.

Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree serves as an honorary co-chair for the Detroit MOTTEP Detroit Life Walk/Run

Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree was an honorary co-chair of the Detroit MOTTEP 23rd annual Life Walk/Run. The MOTTEP LIFE Walk/Run is the largest event promoting organ and tissue donation in the state of Michigan. LIFE Walk/Run is attended by more than 2,000 individuals, including members of the medical profession, major corporations, media personalities, politicians, donor family members, and transplant recipients.



Pictured here is 36th district court Judge Aliyah Sabree, Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree, Terra DeFoe, and other participants



Treasurer Sabree walks with Sherry Farrell.

Get Payment Plan **TEXT ALERTS!**

Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree introduces "Project Tax Message," a free text messaging service designed to remind taxpayers about upcoming payments.



**Enroll Today,
Call (313) 224-5990**

Visit Treasurer.WayneCounty.com for more information. To ask a question, please email the Treasurer's team at TaxInfo@WayneCounty.com or call 313-224-5990.



ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer

WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT: TREASURER.WAYNECOUNTY.COM

Appointments can be made for the following transactions:

- Required in person cash transactions
- "Pay as You Stay" transactions
- Payment Plans
- Deed Certifications
- FOIA requests and pick-ups
- Bankruptcy Case Inquires

Masks required while visiting the WCTO.
Please practice social distancing.

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

For additional questions:
Email taxinfo@waynecounty.com
or Call (313) 224-5990



Tax Payment Options

Pay Taxes Online

<https://pta.waynecounty.com/>

The payment site may default to an amount to be paid; if this is not the amount you wish to pay you may delete the number that appears in the screen and insert the amount that you wish to pay. Search for your parcel. Select the "Pay Now" option and follow the Step-by-Step process for the following:

- Electronic debit to a checking or savings account (ACH). Payments made using this service are at no cost to the taxpayer. Accepting Visa and MasterCard.
- This site is authorized to accept Visa and MasterCard. Taxpayers using this service will incur a service charge of 2.49% of the total taxes paid. The fee is paid to the service provider, not the Wayne County Treasurer.



Pay By Mail

Wayne County Treasurer
P.O. Box 554889
Detroit, MI 48232-5555



To avoid delays, please make sure to also mail the payment "coupon" barcode from the bottom of one of our notices with your payment. If your payment does not contain the tear off "coupon" barcode, your payment will be delayed.

Payments postmarked by the last day of the month will be honored as if received on that day. Please note your parcel ID on the check. A receipt will not be provided. Should you require a receipt you must send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment. The parcel ID or address of the property should be written on the back of the envelope.

You may also request a receipt by providing an email address to our website (Pay Taxes Online) and a receipt will then be provided by email electronically. A tax year that has a status of forfeiture requires certified funds only.

Pay By Phone

(313) 224-5990
Select Option 1

You can now pay by phone by calling (313) 224-5990 and choosing option 1. You will be prompted to create a password the first time you inquire about your parcel, but your information will be saved for any future payments you make by entering your password. You will be given a confirmation number at the end of the call and if you wish to receive a receipt, you can go back to the website and request one in a few days, or you can send a self-addressed stamped envelope to our address.



Tax Payment Kiosks

Visit wctkiosk.com for a list of locations



- Make payments and look up account details
- Easy tax information look-up
- Pay with check, cash or credit card (Payment by cash or check is free. Payment by credit card will incur a 2.49% service charge paid to the service provider not the Wayne County Treasurer.)

Pay By Mobile App Wayne County Mobile Payment App

Avoid heavy traffic, increased parking rates, and long lines. During high volume dates, please use the kiosks, or download and use the Wayne County Mobile App to make payments.



Search for Wayne County Mobile in the Apple App Store or WCMobile on Google play to download the FREE Wayne County mobile app.



Community Partners Assistance

(listed by need)

Eric R. Sabree

Wayne County Treasurer

Owner Occupants needing help with their payments

Wayne Metro – waynemetrol.org, email wmconnectcenter@waynemetrol.org or call 313-388-9799.

United Community Housing Coalition (UHC) – uchcdetroit.org, email taxhotline@uchcdetroit.org or call 313- 405-7726.

State of Michigan DHHS – michigan.gov/mdhhs, call (855) 275-6424.

Step Forward Michigan – stepforwardmichigan.org, email stepforward@michigan.gov or call (866) 946-7432.

Renters needing help

Wayne Metro, UHC, and DHHS (above).

Tax Assessment issue or need Principal Residence Exemption (PRE)

City of Detroit Assessor – detroitmi.gov/departments/office-chief-financial-officer/office-assessor,

email Assessors@detroitmi.gov or call 313-224-3035, or Contact your local Assessor.

Water Bill issue

City of Detroit DWSD – detroitmi.gov/DWSD, email mydwsd@detroitmi.gov or call 313-267-8000, or

Contact your local Water Department.

Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE)

City of Detroit Board of Review – detroitmi.gov/HPTAP, email HPTAP@detroitmi.gov or call 313-224-3035, or

Contact your local Assessor.

Financial Empowerment Center (FEC)

www.DetroitFEC.org, email detroitFEC@detroitmi.gov or call (313) 322-6222

Foreclosure Prevention

Wayne Metro – waynemetrol.org, email wmconnectcenter@waynemetrol.org or call 313-388-9799.

United Community Housing Coalition (UHC) – uchcdetroit.org, email taxhotline@uchcdetroit.org or call 313- 405-7726.

Southwest Solutions – swsol.org email kralston@swsol.org or call (313) 841-3727.

Michigan State Housing Development Authority – michigan.gov/mshda, call (855) 646-7432.

U-Snap-Bac – usnapbac.org, email info@usnapbac.org , or call (313) 640-1100.

Greater Detroit Agency For The Blind And Visually Impaired – gdabvi.org, call (313) 272-3900.

Free Legal Advice (helpful if a deceased family member's name is on the deed).

Legal Aid and Defender – ladadetroit.org, or call (313) 967-5555.

Michigan Legal Services – milegalservices.org or call (313) 964-4130.

United Community Housing Coalition (UHC) – uchcdetroit.org, email taxhotline@uchcdetroit.org or call 313- 405-7726.

Senior Citizen Services

City of Detroit Board of Review – detroitmi.gov/HPTAP, email HPTAP@detroitmi.gov or call 313-224-3035.

Detroit Area Agency on Aging – detroitseiorsolution.org, call (313) 446-4444.

Wayne County Senior Services – waynecounty.com/departments/seniorservices/home.aspx, call (800) 851-1454.

Veterans Services

Wayne County Veteran's Affairs – waynecounty.com/departments/hhvs/veteran-s-services.aspx, call (313) 224-5045.

Utility Bill Assistance

DTE – Payment plans and assistance. – newlook.dteenergy.com/, call (800) 477-4747.

THAW – Home Heating Assistance. – thawfund.org/, call (313) 226-9465.

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For more information, call **(313) 224-5990** or e-mail taxinfo@waynecounty.com



Having a Zoom Community Meeting?

We would love to be a part of it!

Invite us to your zoom meeting, church, community meeting, or block club and offer residents information about foreclosure prevention and payment plans!

Help Us Help Residents!

- Foreclosure Prevention
- Payment Plan Options
- Property Tax Information



For more information, call **(313) 224-5990** or e-mail **wctocommunity@waynecounty.com**

THE WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE
PRESENTS

Seniors Ask the Treasurer

**Wednesday
March 17, 2021
6:00 PM**



Eric R. Sabree
Wayne County Treasurer

Learn about the foreclosure timeline, how to set up an appointment to visit our office, foreclosure prevention, payment plans, and other WCTO programs and services. Resources for seniors living in their homes will be available.



Unable to Reach us?
Email us at
taxinfo@waynecounty.com
and we will call you!

Join the Conversation:

 **zoom** [https://waynecounty.zoom.us/j/86515824256?](https://waynecounty.zoom.us/j/86515824256?pwd=STkzQnRKYWIHNlxckpESDZmdlhyUT09)
[pwd=STkzQnRKYWIHNlxckpESDZmdlhyUT09](https://waynecounty.zoom.us/j/86515824256?pwd=STkzQnRKYWIHNlxckpESDZmdlhyUT09)

Meeting ID: 215 446 4256

Password: 915774

Call in: 1 (215) 446-3657
1 (888) 363-4735



 **LIVE** Wayne County Treasurer's Office-
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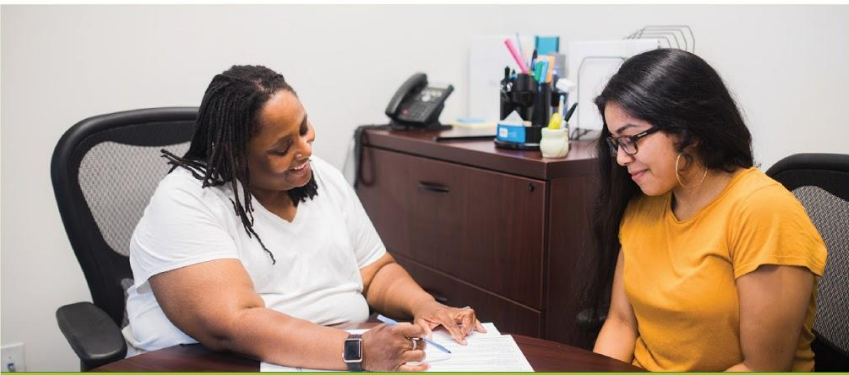
2021 Holiday Closures

New Year's Day	January 1, 2021
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 18, 2021
Good Friday (12:00 PM Closure)	April 2, 2021
Memorial Day	May 31, 2021
Juneteenth	June 18, 2021
Independence Day	July 5, 2021
Labor Day	September 6, 2021
Thanksgiving	November 25-26, 2021
Holiday Closure	December 24, 2021 - January 3, 2022

Payments can be made at treasurer.waynecounty.com, by using the Wayne County Mobile App, or at a payment kiosk.

(Go to www.wctkiosk.com for a list of locations)

Payments can also be made by phone at: **(313) 224-5990**



**Need help managing
or reducing your
household debt?**

**Want advice on how to
build or restore your
personal credit?**

**Have a budget but
need some specific
tips on how to better
save for your
retirement?**

The Detroit Financial Empowerment Centers offer free, one-on-one professional financial counseling to all residents.

Financial Empowerment Center counselors can help you:

- Take control of your debt**
- Deal with debt collectors**
- Improve your credit**
- Build your savings**
- Create a budget**
- Find safe and affordable financial products**
- Other services based on your needs**

Schedule your free, one-on-one, financial counseling session by calling **313-322-6222**.

The FEC call center is open Monday through Friday, 9 am until 4:30 pm.

Visit www.DetroitFEC.org for more information.



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Empowerment
Center**

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Financial Counseling*



Wayne Metropolitan
Community Action Agency



Wayne County Treasurer's Office Payment Plan Options

The Wayne County Treasurer's Office offers various plans to assist distressed taxpayers in paying delinquent taxes.

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 a valid Michigan driver's license or state ID that proves residency. Must pay current taxes to remain in the plan.

***Available Now**

Distressed Owner Occupant Extension (DOOE)

This plan is for those experiencing financial hardship with documented proof. To get into this extension plan you must own the property and have a deed recorded in your name. You must also live in the property and have proof of occupancy via utility bill or other document. You must provide a valid Michigan driver's license or State ID when entering the plan.

** Interest accrues monthly at 1.5% per month*

***Available through March 11, 2021**

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 payments are submitted per the agreed upon schedule. To be effective the plan must be signed by both the taxpayer and the Treasurer's Office.

** Interest accrues monthly at 1.5% per month*

***Available through March 11, 2021**

Pay As You Stay Payment Agreement (PAYSPA)



The PAYS program may reduce your taxes and is only available for residents who own and occupy the residence and live in a municipality that has opted into the program. You have to apply for the Poverty Tax Exemption through your Local Assessor's office and be approved. After notification from your Assessor, you will be contacted by the Wayne County Treasurer's office via mail on your next steps to enroll into the PAYSPA (or pay a discounted lump sum) if deemed eligible.

Important Information:

You must provide a valid Michigan driver's license or State ID when entering the plan. Default of the PAYSPA will result in the reinstatement of the full amount of delinquent taxes plus interest, penalties, and fees which you will be required to pay to redeem your home to avoid foreclosure.

***Available Now (If you qualify)**



Attention Veterans!

Veterans will be allowed to enter into a payment plan without a down payment (on your principal residence) as long as you are able to provide one of following documents: Honorable Discharge Certification papers or DD-214 Form referencing an Honorable Discharge.

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