

# City of Livonia

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



SHAPING LIVONIA'S TOMORROW

# A Message from Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan

As you explore Shaping Livonia's Tomorrow: City of Livonia 2024-2025 Annual Report, you'll see the many ways our City team works to support residents and shape a strong future for Livonia. More than 600 employees contribute to this effort, and this report is a reflection of their commitment, care, and belief in what our community can achieve together.

Here are just a few highlights from the past year that demonstrate how we are shaping Livonia's tomorrow:

- Since opening our doors on Nov. 17, the new Livonia Senior Wellness Center has been nothing short of inspiring. We have been overwhelmed — in the best possible way — by the surge of participation from our 55+ community. It is clear our seniors have been waiting a long time for a space like this, and seeing the center come alive with activity and connection affirms the importance of investing in people at every stage of life.
- Construction continues on the Kirksey Recreation Center as part of this transformative project. The former Main Gyms are being converted into new fitness studios and multipurpose rooms, and the overall fitness space is expanding. While delays have pushed final completion into spring 2026, two new west-end gyms opened in October 2025, and we anticipate reopening the second-floor track before the full project is finished.

- Exciting new developments are taking shape across Livonia, reflecting our bright and growing future. From new housing to dining, retail, and recreation, these projects strengthen our local economy while preserving the community feel we value. Highlights include a Whole Foods-anchored mixed-use development at Six Mile and Haggerty; The Capital Grille and Cooper's Hawk Winery at Six Mile and Newburgh; a Nino Salvaggio Market and Café on the Schoolcraft College campus; Meijer Fresh and new townhomes at Seven Mile and Farmington; Lickity Split Ice Cream and Scooter's Coffee nearby.

Together, these investments and initiatives reflect Livonia's commitment to thoughtful growth, quality of life, and a future shaped by opportunity for all.



A ceremonial ribbon cutting took place for the new Livonia Senior Wellness Center this year

*Maureen Miller Brosnan*

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## LEVELING UP

The new **Livonia Senior Wellness Center**, located adjacent to the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, offers a safer, more accessible, and state-of-the-art environment for seniors. The facility features a dedicated circular drive and covered canopy entrance exclusively for Senior Wellness patrons, along with its own parking lot separate from The Rec. Inside, visitors enjoy flexible rooms with moveable walls, a spacious kitchen and dining area, a welcoming café and lounge, and adaptable fitness spaces designed to meet a variety of wellness needs. After its ribbon cutting in November, the facility opened to serve seniors as they enter the golden years of life.

- The Livonia Senior Wellness Center is approximately 30,000 square feet, whereas the Civic Park Senior Center was approximately 22,000 square feet
- The Livonia Senior Wellness Center has 12 rooms for activities, whereas the Civic Park Senior Center had six rooms for activities
- There are approximately 141 parking spaces in the new north parking lot, plus additional parking in the Kirksey Recreation Center's main south lot. The Civic Park Senior Center had 120 parking spaces



The new Livonia Senior Wellness Center had its ribbon cutting in November 2025. It's been in operation since, serving Livonia's senior community

# TOGETHER WE SERVE

- Arts Commission
- Board of Ethics
- Board of Review
- Board of Trustees - Employees Retirement System
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Building Code Board of Appeals
- Citizens Road Advisory Committee
- Civil Service Commission
- Commission on Aging
- Economic Development Corporation
- Election Commission
- Greenleaf Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Historical Commission
- Housing Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Library Commission
- Local Officers Compensation Commission
- Municipal Building Authority
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Plymouth Road Development Authority
- Traffic Commission
- Tree City Committee
- Water and Sewer Board
- Youth Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

The Mayor, alongside other City officials, are responsible for nearly 200 appointments across the City's 27 **boards and commissions**. The longest-tenured commission member has been serving for more than 43 years! Others, like the 14 members appointed in the last year, are just getting started in their service to the City of Livonia. Visit [GetInvolvedLivonia.com](http://GetInvolvedLivonia.com) to apply to be a member on a City board or commission, join the Livonia Service Corps or get connected with other volunteering opportunities in the City of Livonia.



**Jim Baringhaus of Livonia's Greenleaf Commission working with local youth on a new recycling information campaign**

BY THE NUMBERS	
Boards/commissions	27
Boards/commissions members	157
Total service hours	2,779
Average total service hours per person	17.7
New appointments	11
Reappointments	25
Cumulative years of service	1,411
Average years of service per person	8.987

## DID YOU KNOW...



**Livonia ranks seventh in all of Michigan for both State Equalized Value (SEV) and Taxable Value. That means our city is one of the state's strongest when it comes to property value and community growth.**



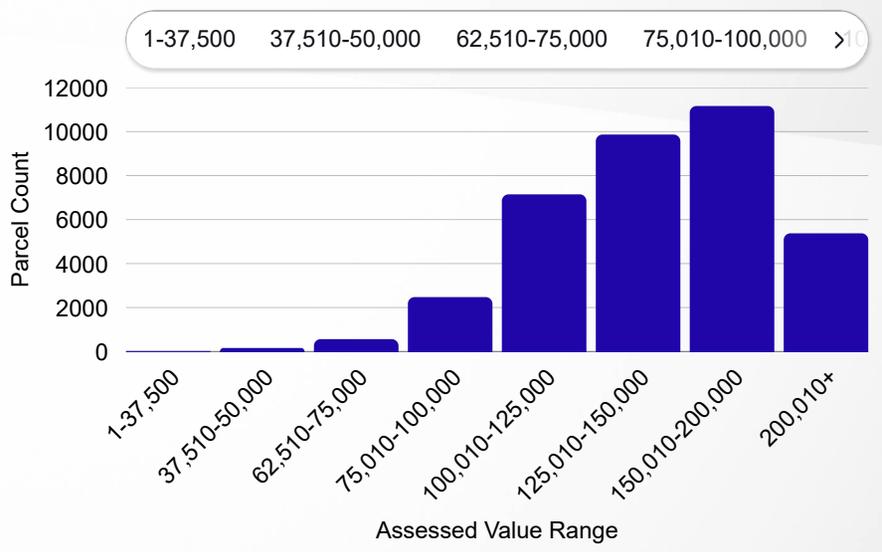
Residential construction in progress

The **Assessment Department** is responsible for the valuation of all residential, commercial, industrial and personal property in the City of Livonia. The department provides assessed and taxable property values, lot information and property tax exemptions. The Assessment Department reviews all property types each year to create uniform and equitable property valuations by verifying accurate measurements and properly recording property characteristics.

AD VALOREM VALUE TOTALS				
REAL ESTATE/ PROPERTY	STATE EQUALIZED VALUE 2025	% CHANGE FROM 2024	TAXABLE VALUE 2025	% CHANGE FROM 2024
Residential	5,659,569,500	↓6.74%	4,013,525,413	↓4.96%
Commercial	1,159,691,100	↓4.85%	944,848,331	↓1.91%
Industrial	356,490,100	↓6.08%	315,968,746	↓3.47%
Personal	313,650,000	↓0.33%	313,650,000	↓0.33%
Total	7,489,400,700	↓6.13%	5,587,992,490	↓4.08%

LARGEST TAXPAYERS		
TAXPAYERS	TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	TAXES AT 2024 MILLAGE RATES
DTE Electric Company	\$56,578,863	\$3,316,849
Ashley Capital	\$56,017,514	\$3,290,350
Consumers Energy	\$52,936,109	\$3,076,714
Schostak Brothers	\$28,941,826	\$1,714,611
Ford Motor Company	\$26,928,010	\$1,581,742
Amazon	\$36,490,632	\$1,359,450
Friedman	\$16,334,682	\$959,935
Dembs-Roth Industrial Dev.	\$15,708,681	\$934,345
Livonia Estates	\$14,286,778	\$868,160
Millenium Livonia LLC	\$14,370,549	\$844,510

### Residential Assessment Range



**Livonia has the Lowest City Tax Rate in Wayne County:  
13.7134 Mills**



The Clerk's office works hard to register voters and reach out to our community

The **City Clerk** is an elected official that serves a four-year term. The Clerk is the first point of contact and liaison between local government and residents. The Clerk's Office is comprised of the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and a staff of six. This year's focus was on Precinct Consolidation and Clerk-On-Demand events, meeting residents where they are to provide information and answer questions.

City Clerk:

- Held Clerk-on-Demand events throughout the year at all Livonia high schools, Clarenceville High School, Madonna University, Schoolcraft College, the Civic Park Senior Center, and a variety of local fairs, including the Livonia Spree
- Partnered with local organizations who volunteered to assist with general election support
- Partnered for a second year with University of Michigan, Livonia Public Schools, and Madonna University's School of Social Work for a total of five interns throughout the year
- Applied and received State-funded grants available to maintain secure elections

DID YOU KNOW...

In 2025, Livonia reduced its voting precincts from 44 to 26 to save money and streamline Election Day. Residents received new voter ID cards by mail with no action required.



Stats



1,750  
DEATH RECORDS



1,860  
PET LICENSES



1,004  
BIRTH RECORDS



**VOTE!**  
EARLY

1,322  
EARLY VOTING BALLOTS CAST



4,383  
VOTER REGISTRATIONS



54,380  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS ISSUED



Livonia Stevenson High School Football Volunteers and Clerk's Office Staff

The **City Council** is a seven-member, part-time body elected at-large by the residents of Livonia.

Four Council members are elected every two years. The three receiving the highest number of votes are elected to four-year terms. The fourth highest vote-getter is elected to a two-year term.

The person receiving the most votes is the President and the one with the second-most votes is Vice President.

The City Council has four major responsibilities:

- Approve work on all roads, sewers and drains, sidewalks and streetlights in the City
- Enact City ordinances
- Oversee the budget and approve expenditures
- Approve zoning of all land



**Brandon McCullough, Council President**  
**Martha Ptashnik, Council Vice President**  
**Carrie Budzinski, Councilmember**  
**Rob Gjonaj Donovic, Councilmember**  
**Scott Morgan, Councilmember**  
**Lynda L. Scheel, Councilmember**  
**Laura M. Toy, Councilmember**



**City Council meets twice a month to discuss community issues and make decisions that shape Livonia's tomorrow**

**DID YOU KNOW...**



**Twenty candidates filed to run for City Council in 2025, marking a record-high field in Livonia.**

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Regular Council Meetings	24
Agenda items	410
Study Meetings	24
Agenda items	303
Special meetings	1
Public hearings	3
Agenda items	6
Committee meetings	24
Agenda items	21



**City Treasurer Susan Nash**

The **City Treasurer** is responsible for the collection, disbursement and custody of all revenues belonging to and held in trust by the City. Funds collected by City agencies are transmitted to the Treasurer, where they are audited, recorded, deposited and reported daily to the Finance Department. The Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and four staff members issue the twice-annual tax bills, mail out reminder notices on unpaid tax bills, issue invoices for ordinance violations and special assessments, as well as the collection for all of these items, among other duties.

BY THE NUMBERS	
Tax bills issued for the 2025 tax season	81,933
Residents who pay their own property tax bills	50%
Residents whose tax bills paid by mortgage companies	50%
Property owners who pay taxes electronically	1,999
Tax bill reminders mailed	4,695
Livonia business locations filed for bankruptcy	6
Tax and water transactions accepted at counter (daily average)	144

BY THE NUMBERS	
	Total
City of Livonia	70,761,617
Livonia Public Schools	60,597,911
RESA Spec Ed	17,562,530
RESA Operating	501,058
Clarenceville Schools	2,980,676
OISD Spec Ed	836,666
OISD Operating	52,818
State Education Tax	33,474
Schoolcraft College	12,671,413
Wayne County	36,315,043
Wayne County Jail	5,013,583
Wayne County Parks	1,307,667
Huron Clinton Authority	1,108,241
Zoo Authority	530,902
Art Institute	1,063,500
PRDA	875,140
WC RESA Enhancement	10,441,122
<i>Special Assessments</i>	3,064,231
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>259,158,916</b>

**DID YOU KNOW...**



**In 2025, the City collected \$754,136 in delinquent personal property taxes on behalf of all taxing entities.**

The **Civil Service/Human Resources Department** ensures all individuals receive a fair and equal opportunity for public service employment through established recruiting and hiring programs. The team strives to promote a diverse workforce and foster a healthy, safe and productive work environment for all employees.

The department manages benefits, policies, and programs and provides expert consultation, resources, services, and solutions for employees. Our goal is to provide exceptional service to our employees and retirees.

To apply for City of Livonia jobs, visit [LivoniaJobs.org](http://LivoniaJobs.org)

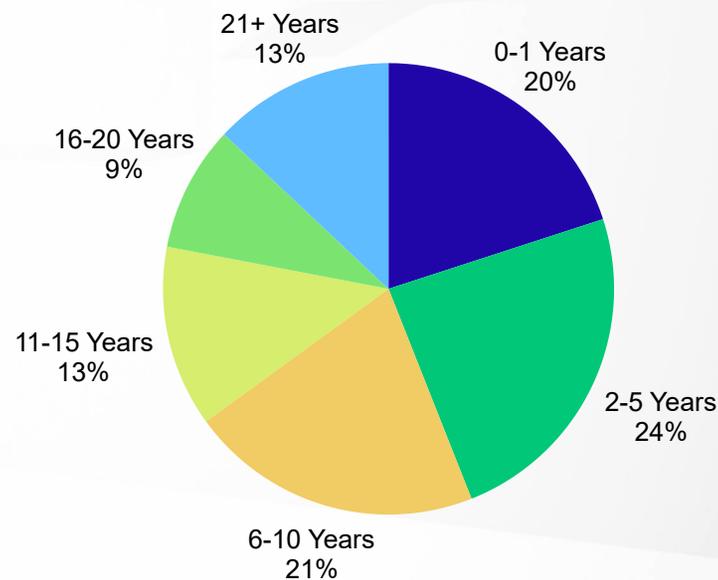


Civil Service presented to visiting kids during Take Your Kid to Work Day at the City

## LEVELING UP

- Handled more than 3,969 job applications, which is up 19% from 2024
- Applications were processed for 91 jobs, averaging 43 applications per job
- Civil Service reached out to engage a neurodiverse team of workers through Livonia Public Schools' Garfield Skill Center.
- They worked in DPW and Civil Service

## CITY OF LIVONIA EMPLOYEES YEARS OF SERVICE



### DID YOU KNOW...

We have 802 active retirees across 26 states: 86% in Michigan, 6% in Florida, and 8% in other states.



CITY EMPLOYEES	
UNION	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
Livonia Command Officers Association	34 ↑
Livonia Police Officers Association	107 ↓
Livonia Firefighters Union	88 ↑
Local 192	176 ↑
Local 1917	3,008 ↑
Unrepresented Workers	171 ↓
<b>Total</b>	<b>596 ↓</b>

## STATS



**1,167+**

COMMUNICATIONS  
HELP DESK TICKETS  
COMPLETED



**94,995+**

VIEWS ON CITY OF  
LIVONIA YOUTUBE  
CHANNEL



**651,457**

UNIQUE VISITORS TO  
LIVONIA.GOV



**3.82**

**MILLION**

REACH ACROSS ALL  
LIVONIA SOCIAL  
MEDIA PLATFORMS



**10.4%**

INCREASE IN  
"FOLLOWERS" ON  
LIVONIA COMMUNITY  
FACEBOOK PAGE



**280,366**

IMPRESSIONS ON  
LIVONIA COMMUNITY  
FACEBOOK POST ON  
HAUNT YOUR HOME  
COMPETITION

The **Communications Department** delivers access to information about City services and resources on multiple platforms. The eight-member team designs and publishes engaging multimedia content through the City's website, social media channels and email lists. The team also includes the Livonia Television staff, which produces programs for Livonia's government access channel and other media.



The Communications team films, photographs, and promotes dozens of City events throughout the year, including Council meetings and State of the City. The team also assists in coordinating several events.

## MOST VISITED LIVONIA.GOV PAGES

1. Livonia.gov home page
2. Kirksey Recreation Center
3. Water Sewer Billing
4. Online Property Inquiries
5. 16th District Court
6. Parks and Recreation
7. Court Case Search
8. Weekly Trash Collection Information
9. Find a Job
10. Aquatics

### DID YOU KNOW...

The average follower of the Livonia Community Facebook page is 47 years old!



The City of Livonia's **Emergency Preparedness Department** is dedicated to ensuring the safety, resilience, and readiness of our community before, during, and after emergencies. Our mission is to coordinate planning, training, and response efforts across all City departments, partner agencies, and community organizations so Livonia can effectively manage any incident — from severe weather and large-scale power outages to hazardous materials events and public safety threats.

A core function of the department is to develop and maintain the City's emergency operations plans and procedures. This includes conducting risk assessments, organizing full-scale exercises and tabletop drills, and ensuring City staff are trained in modern emergency management practices. Livonia's Emergency Preparedness Department also oversees the Livonia Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).



CERT volunteers overseeing the Tour de Livonia

Equally important is our focus on community preparedness. We work closely with residents, businesses, schools, and volunteer groups to promote readiness at every level. Through initiatives like the CERT, public education campaigns, and partnerships with county and state agencies, we strive to build a culture of preparedness that strengthens Livonia's resilience.

Ultimately, the department serves as the coordinating hub during emergencies — bringing together police, fire, public works, public health, and our regional partners to provide a unified, efficient response. Our goal is simple: to protect lives, safeguard property, and ensure that Livonia remains a safe, prepared, and thriving community no matter what challenges arise.

## LEVELING UP

- In 2025, the Livonia EMHSD secured approximately \$80,000 in grant funding to support public safety initiatives and regional response teams.
- A full-scale exercise conducted in partnership with the Clarenceville School District focused on the response to an active aggressor incident at the high school. District staff received training on situational awareness and appropriate response actions during such an event. Four separate exercise sessions were conducted, involving approximately 125 staff members district-wide.

### DID YOU KNOW...



**The Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department was originally a division of the Department of Public Works when it was created in the 1970s. It became its own department in 1987.**



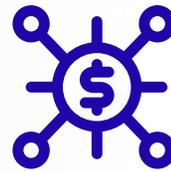
Benjamin Grier was appointed as the Finance Director for the City of Livonia in October 2025

The **Finance Department** is responsible for developing and implementing financial procedures to process transactions and prepare reports in compliance with governmental accounting standards. Functions within the department include accounting, budgeting, purchasing, risk management, and water and sewer billing/collection, with a total staff of 18 people. The Department serves the Mayor, City Council and City departments to ensure a financially strong and effective city government.

STATS



**\$75 MILLION**  
BALANCED GENERAL  
FUND BUDGET



**\$1.2 MILLION**  
CUMULATIVE ENERGY SAVINGS  
FROM ELECTRIC CHOICE  
PARTICIPATION



**\$14 MILLION**  
REVENUE SHARING  
FUNDS RECEIVED



**\$6.4 MILLION**  
FEDERAL AWARDS SPENT  
WITHOUT ANY  
NONCOMPLIANCE ISSUES

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	2024	2025
Accounts payable checks	13,304	13,416
Payroll items	41,108	40,885
Water bills issued	170,752	174,447
Water bill autopay customers	6,802	6,854
Water e-bill customers	3,008	3,451

DID YOU KNOW...



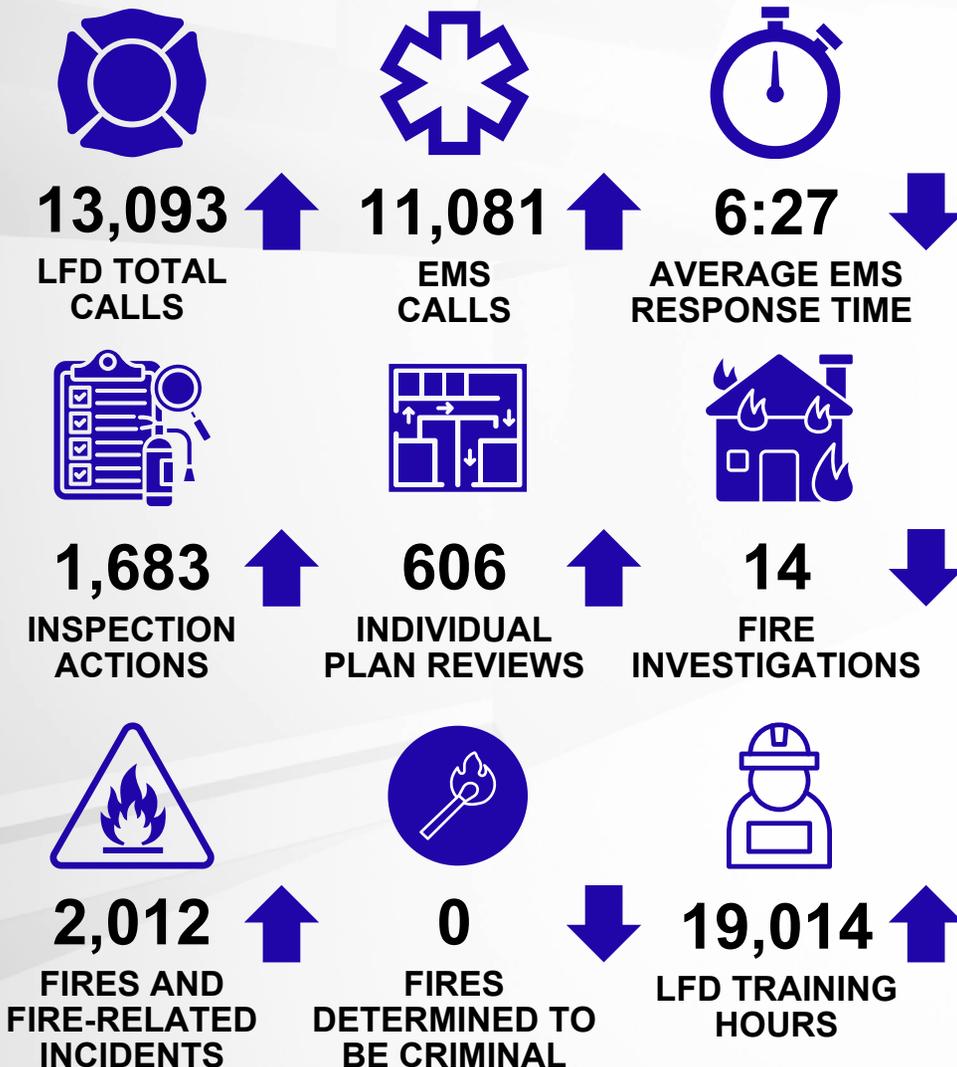
The City has had a AA Bond Rating since 2001 that allows the City to borrow at low interest rates.

**Livonia Fire & Rescue** is dedicated to protecting and enhancing quality of life through public education, prevention and control in the areas of fire, rescue, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents and disasters. The department consists of 89 full-time, professional firefighters and paramedics protecting homes, businesses and lives in our community 24/7. The department provides fire protection, prevention, inspection, emergency medical services, public education and all-hazard mitigation.

## LEVELING UP

- Hired two Firefighter/Paramedics, and four Firefighter/EMTs who will be paramedics by 2026
- Took delivery of latest Jaws of Life rescue tools for Heavy Rescue
- Second-most smoke/CO alarm installations by fire departments in State of Michigan. 448 homes visited, 2,218 Smoke alarms installed, 620 CO alarms installed, five ADA-bed shakers installed.
- HAAS Alert's Safety Cloud® installed in front-line vehicles to provide real-time digital alerts to protect responders, workers, and drivers on the road. Digital alerting uses technology like HAAS Alert's Safety Cloud® to automatically notify nearby drivers through their vehicle or navigation app when an emergency or roadside vehicle is ahead, helping them slow down and move over for safety.

## STATS



Livonia Fire & Rescue is dedicated to teaching Livonia youth about safety

### DID YOU KNOW...

A video of the rescue of a family of ducklings in June resulted in 3,350,000 views on Social Media from people around the world.



# LEVELING UP

## Community Development Block Grant Program

- Delivered \$51,969 in loans and grants for home improvements
- Provided domestic violence assistance and/or mental health counseling services to 152 residents
- Provided \$12,198 in funding for three small business grants and technical assistance training

## The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

- Helped 164 families put food on the table each month

## Housing Choice Voucher Program

- Currently house 767 voucher families, including 12 foster youth in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties



Seniors show their love for where they live with “I LOVE SILVER VILLAGE” shirts

The **Livonia Housing Commission’s** mission is to provide adequate housing and community development assistance, and to expand and preserve decent, safe, and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families. Led by a team of 17 full-time and 17 part-time staff, the Commission is committed to providing quality services to our clients in an effective, efficient and respectful manner. The department also manages Livonia’s Liv&Go transit services and Emergency Assistance programs.

The most essential function of the Livonia Housing Commission (LHC) is to identify, obtain, and administer federal, state and local resources to assist low- and moderate-income families with affordable housing and public services.

BY THE NUMBERS	
<b>MacNamara Towers</b>	
New Residents	15
Community Improvements (New stoves, concrete repairs, new paint, and carpeting)	136+
<b>Newburgh Village</b>	
New Residents	11
Community Improvements (New carpet and sidewalk repairs)	40+
<b>Silver Village</b>	
New Residents	13
Community Improvements (Dryer Vents, draining repair, and bathroom upgrades)	108+

LIV&GO BY THE NUMBERS	
Passenger Trips	24,228 ↑
Driver Service Hours	13,523 ↑
Driver Miles	176,779 ↑
New Passengers	811 ↓

The **Information Systems Department** is responsible for the computer hardware and software used by the City. The IS Department assists other City Departments in evaluating, selecting and implementing computer systems. It also sets the standards for City computer systems. The staff of the Information Systems Department consists of a director and five employees who have five primary areas with responsibility for computer and network, application software, telephones, website and Internet, and geographic information systems.

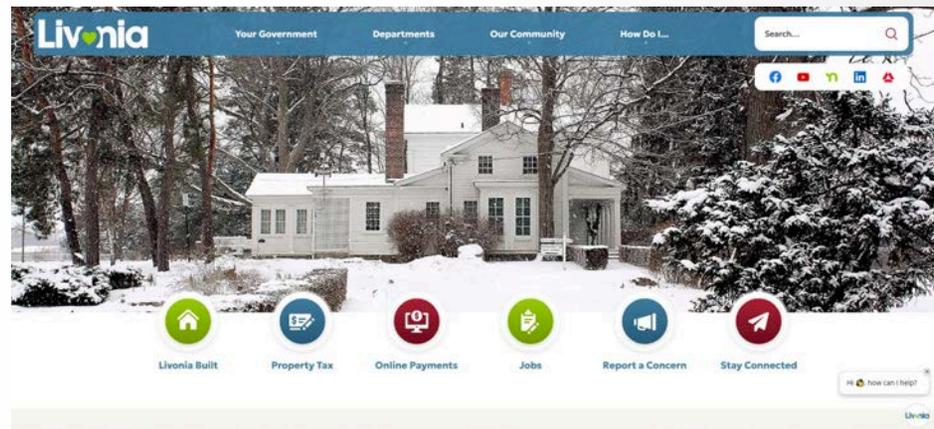
## LEVELING UP

- Upgraded network infrastructure with 68 Extreme Switches in all buildings throughout City buildings.
- Migrated 408 City workstations to the Windows 11 Operating System.
- Implemented BS&A Cloud Software for Inspection, Treasurer, Assessing, Accounting, and Clerk’s office.
- Installed three new network switches and 16 wireless access points in the new Senior Wellness Center.
- Provisioned Trend Micro Endpoint Detection and Response software on all City PCs for increased protection and cybersecurity visibility.
- Migrated District Court to Cloud JIS system.
- Created 20 templates for service requests and work orders to track operations at DPW.
- Completed telecom optimization, moving all remaining POTS telephone lines for the city to modern technology.

BY THE NUMBERS	
Computers Managed	408
Computers Replaced	68
Servers Managed	40
Wireless Access Points	92
Help Desk Tickets Closed	2,678
City Maps Created/Maintained	509
Map Applications	33
Livonia.gov Page Views	651,457
Chatbot Questions Answered	20,278

**DID YOU KNOW...** 

**The six staff members of the Information Systems Department have a combined 127 years of experience in technology.**



The Livonia.gov website can be used to find events, programs, government information, and more

## BY THE NUMBERS

BY THE NUMBERS		
<b>INSPECTION</b>		
Inspections Performed	42,852	↓
Permits Issued	9,383	↑
Valuation of Construction	\$202.7 million	↑
Total Fees	\$4 million	↑
Rental Licenses Issued	1,306	↑
<b>ORDINANCE</b>		
Complaints and Violations Investigated	14,522	↑
Tall Grass and Weeds	736	↓
Business Licenses	622	↑

The **Inspection Department** is dedicated to ensuring the construction of safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. The department's 25 full-time employees focus on building inspection, plan review and ordinance enforcement.

Other areas of involvement include Zoning Board of Appeals, Building Code Board of Appeals, Community Development Block Grant Program, Cost Recovery Appeal Hearings, and various civic groups. The department also recommends new ordinances, issues permits, and investigates health, safety, and quality of life complaints.

Ordinance Enforcement works with residences and businesses to gain compliance with the City Zoning and Code of Ordinances for all nuisance and non-criminal violations that affect health, safety, welfare, and quality of life.



The Inspection Department works hard to make sure Livonia is safe for our residents

## DID YOU KNOW...



The Livonia Inspection Department is now accepting electronic submission of permit applications and plans. Visit [Livonia.gov/241](http://Livonia.gov/241) for more information.

The **Law Department** represents the City in all lawsuits filed by or against the City. The department also offers legal advice to the Mayor, City Council, City Boards, Commissions, Committees and all City departments on issues such as employment, contracts, ethics, land use, real estate transactions and Freedom of Information Act requests. It represents the City in all misdemeanor criminal cases and municipal civil infractions that occur in the City.

The department includes the City Attorney, Chief Assistant City Attorney, two Assistant City Attorneys and two support staff. All Civil litigation is also handled within the department, with a 2025 caseload of 27 civil lawsuits and 49 Michigan Tax Tribunal lawsuits.



The Law Department works hard to represent your City

### BY THE NUMBERS

Misdemeanor warrants reviewed	1,439 ↑
Civil infractions prosecuted	15,727 ↓
Traffic misdemeanors prosecuted	1,468 ↓
Non-traffic misdemeanors	1,881 ↑
Jury trials	16 ↑
Code of Ordinances amendments	19 ↑
Livonia Zoning Ordinance amendments	2 ↓

## LEVELING UP

- Worked with the Treasurer's Office to track down delinquent taxpayers, generating \$21,370 in payments to the City.
- Handled civil litigation that protected the City from more than \$1 million in potential liability.
- Revised or created a number of ordinances promoting public health and safety, including ones related to teen tobacco use, improper use of 911, and animal ownership and welfare.

### DID YOU KNOW...



The Law Department has a fully stocked snack table open to all Livonia staff members, dogs included.

BY THE NUMBERS

Services	2024	2025
Circulation (physical materials only)	475,553	467,390 ↓
Circulation (digital resources)	173,029	190,856 ↑
Library Cardholders	23,751	27,541 ↑
Number of Programs	971	998 ↑
Program Attendance	30,756	30,804 ↑
Library Visitors	192,206	204,067 ↑
SRP Kids Registered	1,085	1,131 ↑
SRP Total Registered	1,551	1,668 ↑
One City One Book Attendees	297	526 ↑
Database & App Usage	29,283	59,251 ↑
Website Visits	287,831	315,071 ↑



DID YOU KNOW...



**Your library card provides far more access than just physical materials. It grants cardholders free access to an expansive digital portfolio.**

Each fall, the **Livonia Public Library** brings residents together through its One City, One Book program. In 2025, the event was a key part of Livonia’s 75th anniversary, highlighting life in the Midwest during the 1950s.

The selected title, “The All-American” by Michigan Notable Book author Susie Finkbeiner, drew readers of all ages with its story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League and themes of family, friendship, and sportsmanship. The Library hosted 15 related programs, including local history presentations, movies, art workshops, and a 1950s-themed concert. The series concluded with an author visit and book signing, helping drive more than 525 total attendees — nearly a 70% increase over 2024.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Library successfully launched its new mobile application, which has already been used more than 20,000 times by patrons since its debut.	March
In conjunction with the City’s 75th anniversary, the Library and the Livonia Arts Commission held a Library Card Design Contest inviting residents and students to submit a new design that represented both the City of Livonia and Livonia Public Library. More than 83 designs were received across all age groups, and winning designs have been printed and are now available as limited-edition library cards.	May
We enhanced patron services by installing self-service scanning machines at both library locations. These new units have already enabled patrons to quickly and easily scan hundreds of pages to email, flash drives, and other digital locations.	May
The Library’s delivery vehicle received an upgrade with an eye-catching wrap. This mobile advertisement prominently showcases the Library’s website, The Library Network, and the Michigan Activity Pass program.	July
To strategically expand our community presence, a new Outreach and Marketing Librarian position was created. This staff member has actively expanded the Library’s reach by attending numerous community programs at locations such as Housing facilities, the Kirksey Recreation Center, and Senior Living Communities.	August
In collaboration with The Library Network, both libraries successfully completed a major technical project, applying RFID tags to more than 180,000 items in our collection.	October
Planning and design have begun for a new Library website, scheduled for launch in 2026. This critical update prioritizes accessibility, aiming to meet WCAG compliance standards while providing a more user-friendly interface.	In progress
The Library launched a major historical preservation project: the digitization of the Livonia Observer microfilm collection. To date, more than 250 rolls of newspapers (dating 1956-2013) have been digitized and will be fully searchable online in early 2026. This effort is complemented by the upcoming installation of a new microfilm machine, ensuring patrons can easily view digitized newspapers.	In progress

The **Livonia Parks and Recreation Department** is a vital part of the City's quality of life. Our mission is to enhance our community through engaging and accessible experiences.

The Parks and Recreation Department consists of 18 full-time and 200 part-time employees overseeing 68 park sites, more than 1,400 acres of parkland, three 18-hole golf courses, two indoor ice arenas, three outdoor swimming pools, 20 park shelters, 15 sand volleyball courts, 28 tennis courts, 12 pickleball courts, 43 ball diamonds, 25 soccer fields, playgrounds at 25 park sites, the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, Civic Park Senior Center, Greenmead Historical Park, Super Duper Dog Park, a skateboard park, and an archery range.

## LEVELING UP

**Greenmead Historical Park**  
New roof for Newburg Church.

**Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center**  
Livonia Senior Wellness Center opened November 2025. Renovations at The Rec almost complete with an expected reopening in Spring 2026. Playground and Splash Pad construction completed.

**Parks**  
Paths redone at Clements Circle Park. New sidewalk and accessible routes to park amenities at Country Homes.



### BY THE NUMBERS

	2024	2025
Visits to the outdoor pools	20,511	19,886 ↓
Total program enrollment	20,272	23,406 ↑
Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center Memberships	14,957	15,141 ↑
Rounds of golf played	125,240	124,677 ↓
Civic Park Senior Center participants	94,023	95,671 ↑
Greenmead volunteer commitment hours	3,400	3,000 ↓
Greenmead Donations	\$49,003	\$37,445 ↓

### DID YOU KNOW...



**More than 2 million patrons visit our Parks facilities annually.**



**Golden Refrigerant was one of the recipients of the Pure Potential Talent Fund Grant Awards in 2025**

The **Planning and Economic Development Department** plays an important role in the development and improvement of the quality of life for City residents, businesses and visitors. The department consists of five employees that are involved in both short-range and long-range planning and economic development

initiatives, including the creation and adoption of the City's **LIVONIA VISION 21** master plan.

The department processes and reviews a variety of land-use applications, including zoning changes, residential developments, and projects involving commercial, office and industrial properties.

Economic Development proudly advanced a second round of the Pure Potential Talent Fund, awarding \$15,000 to support employer-led training for Livonia workers. This first-of-its-kind workforce development initiative helps local businesses strengthen their skills, boost productivity, and address talent gaps in high-demand industries. This year's funding supported training for 13 workers, equipping them with the capabilities needed to advance their careers and contribute to Livonia's growing economy.



COMING SOON



**Phase III of Aletha Apartments on Farmington Road between Lyndon Street and Five Mile Road**



**CAVA Restaurant on Seven Mile Road just east of Haggerty Road**



**One Hundred West townhouse apartments at Seven Mile Road and Victor Parkway**

BY THE NUMBERS		
	2024	2025
Planning Commission meetings	30	32 ↑
Land use applications processed	50	43 ↓
Sq. ft. of commercial, healthcare, multi-family housing under construction	13,885	83,000 ↑
Average market rent/unit (multi-family)	\$1,319	\$1,350 ↑
August unemployment rate	2.2%	2.7% ↑
Retail vacancy	4.9%	5.3% ↑
Office vacancy	21.1%	17.6% ↓
Industrial vacancy	2.3%	4.8% ↑

DID YOU KNOW...



The city's first comprehensive plan was adopted in the mid-1950s. The plan projected an ultimate residential population of approximately 220,000 people. It also created 54 "neighborhood units," with each unit containing an elementary school.

# GRANT STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY

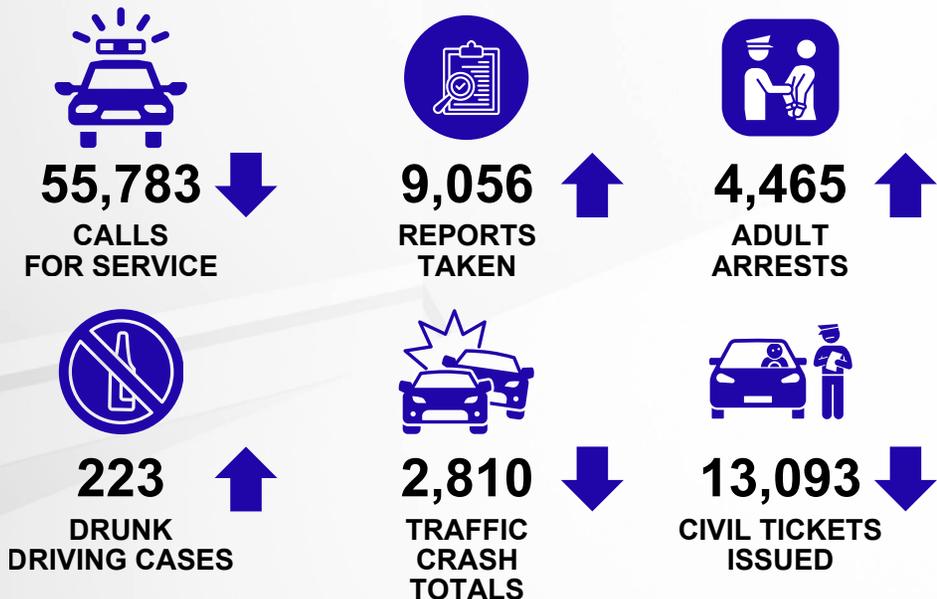


In 2025, the **Livonia Police Department** made meaningful progress in strengthening community relationships, highlighted by receiving the State of Michigan MCOLES Community Policing Competitive Grant. This grant, totaling \$594,140 over three years, supports initiatives that build partnerships between law enforcement and the public, with a strong emphasis on youth engagement.

The funding allowed the department to expand and enhance programs that promote trust and positive interactions between officers and young people. Throughout 2025, Livonia PD participated in more than 15 community events and hosted five major programs, including the Youth Leadership Academy, Passport to Safety, Cops and Cones, and Faith and Blue.

Through these efforts, officers connected with an estimated 8,000 youth across Livonia, reinforcing the department's commitment to community engagement as a core part of daily operations and long-term public safety.

## STATS



# SERIOUS CRIMES, CRASHES DECLINE

We are proud to report that Livonia continues to make meaningful progress in public safety. Building on last year's significant reductions — an 18% drop in Part 1 serious crimes and a 6% decrease in traffic crashes — this year we achieved another 10% reduction in Part 1 crimes and an additional 2% decrease in traffic crashes. Part 1 crimes include our community's most serious offenses, such as homicide, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, and larceny/theft, making these continued declines especially impactful for the safety and well-being of our residents.

These improvements reflect the dedication of our officers, whose proactive efforts, increased patrols, traffic enforcement, and strong engagement with the community have contributed to safer streets and fewer victims of crime. Through accountability, prevention, and collaboration with the public, we are creating a safer environment for everyone who lives, works, and raises a family in Livonia. We remain committed to building on this momentum and ensuring Livonia remains one of the safest cities in Michigan.

## DID YOU KNOW...



Each of Livonia PD's three K9s has their very own official trading card and you can collect all three! You'll see our K9s at community events, in schools, and out on patrol. Their handlers always have trading cards with them.

BY THE NUMBERS		
Water main breaks repaired	94	↓
Miles of sanitary sewer cleaned	157	↓
Cubic yards of leaves picked up (Bulk Leaf Program)	44,670	↓
Right-of-way trees planted	620	↑
Service stops for brush collections (April-October)	7,985	↓
Service requests for potholes	119	↑
Household Hazardous Waste collected in pounds	276,445	↓
Vertical separations on sidewalks cold patched	605	↑
Tons of cold patch used	200	↑
Tons of salt for snow and ice	2,647	↑
Snow Emergency declared	1	↓
Partial snow events (salted and plowed subdivision streets)	1	
Miles of roads improved	9.06	↑
Square feet of sidewalk replaced	91,946	↓
Intersections improved with barrier-free sidewalk ramps	11	
Lineal feet of water main replaced	14,792	↑
Water & Sewer Board cases	206	↓
Past due water funds collected	\$189,600	↑
In home water line assessments completed	3,025	↑

The **Department of Public Works** includes the Public Service Division and the Engineering Division. Public Service is responsible for numerous maintenance functions, including all City buildings and vehicles, plus public utilities, parks, roads, animal control, forestry, leaf collection, snow removal, and water and sewer. Engineering is responsible for all construction in public rights-of-way or public easements. DPW has a total of 162 employees.



**DPW is one of the largest departments in the City. The hard work of the City's employees ensure the City runs smoothly.**



**The Department of Public Works fits its trucks for leaf pickup, branch shredding, or snow removal, depending on the time of year.**

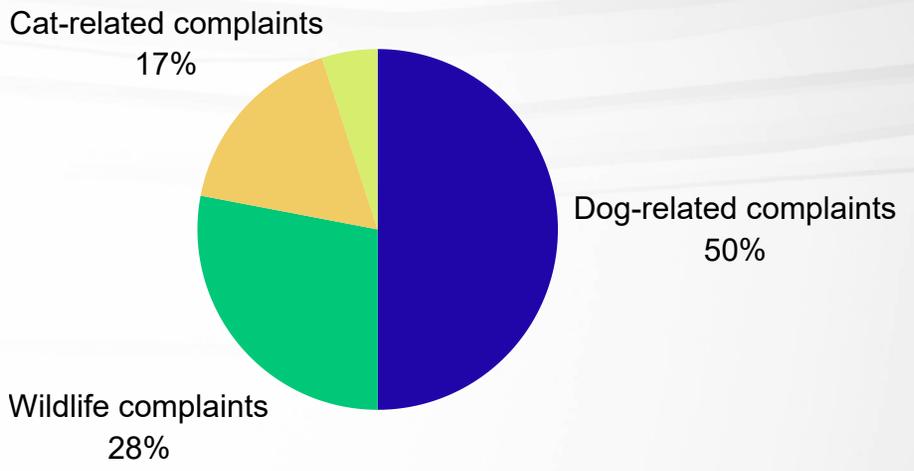
# ANIMAL CONTROL



Livonia's **Animal Control** Office is part of the Public Works Division. Animal Control officers respond to residents' requests for services. They maintain public safety by enforcing all animal laws, ordinances and humane care regulations. Animal Control responds to and handles sick, injured or distressed animals, both domestic and wild. They also investigate reports of abuse or neglect, including animal hoarding, and they respond to stray animal complaints and reports of animals at large.

In-service training was provided for all Livonia Police officers and PSAs, focusing on animal behavior, humane handling, and animal-related call protocols. Intake diversion strategies were implemented to return more pets to their owners in the field, resulting in a 38.2% reduction in dog intake over the past two years and a 19% reduction in the past year, averaging 34 fewer dogs per year transported to Michigan Humane. Ongoing efforts to keep pets in their homes include QR code pet licensing, use of PetcoLoveLost software, a microchip scanning station at DPW, and a community pet food pantry.

## Calls for Animal Control



BY THE NUMBERS	
Tree inspections	1,725
Elevation trims	2,100
SR trims	850
Right-of-way tree removals	425
Park tree removals	22

# FORESTRY

The City of Livonia is proud to be a Tree City USA since 1998 and a Growth Award community since 2003. Residents can request a maintenance trim by submitting a service request. Forestry staff will inspect requests for maintenance trims, and assign the work to the City's tree trim contractor as needed.

The **16th District Court** handles civil lawsuits, criminal misdemeanors, arraignments, preliminary examinations on all felony cases, traffic misdemeanors and civil infractions, small claims cases, landlord-tenant disputes, and land contract and evictions proceedings.

The 16th District Court is administered by two judges, Honorable Sean P. Kavanagh (Chief Judge) and Honorable James J. Jolly. The magistrate is appointed by the judges who assist with the informal hearings on civil infractions, arraignments of ordinance cases and hearings on small claims. The court has 28 employees (27 full-time and one permanent part-time employee).

You can access MiFILE through your phone or computer!



**DID YOU KNOW...**



**The 16th District Court caseload clearance rate for 2025 was 98%.**

**BY THE NUMBERS**

	2024	2025	CHANGE FROM 2023
Felonies	201	141	-30% ↓
Misdemeanors	3,771	3,440	-9% ↓
Civil infractions	21,935	18,259	-17% ↓
Civil	2,902	2,930	+1% ↑
Probation	1,871	999	-46% ↓

**VOLUNTEER PROBATION OFFICERS**

What is MiFILE?

MiFILE is Michigan's statewide e-filing system that allows users to electronically file documents. Filing can be done 24 hours a day, without traveling to a courthouse and waiting in line. This also allows parties to electronically serve other registered users with documents and receive electronic notice and e-service from the court.

All attorneys submitting filings for MiFILE-eligible case types with our court are required to e-file pursuant to Michigan Court Rule 1.109(G)(3)(f).

This application is currently available to all attorneys filing cases in the civil division. We plan on expanding the program in 2026 to all litigants.

**VOLUNTEER PROBATION OFFICERS**

This program was pioneered back in 1967 at the direction of the Hon. James R. McCann, and in collaboration Kenneth Kirkwood, the Director of Probation and former Mayor Jack Kirksey. The program was designed to assist the probation department in monitoring probationer's compliance.

That tradition continues with our current judges, Hon. Sean P. Kavanagh and Hon. James J. Jolly. The dedication of our volunteers has been commendable as we are proud to note that the 16th District Court has volunteers who have contributed from 5-30+ Years of Service