

Livonia

Livonia, with a population of 97,000 in a spacious 36 square miles, offers a near-ideal blend; a strong industrial base, low taxes, excellent schools and complete municipal services. It's a combination that makes this progressive city a delightful place to live, to work or to shop. It is rated as the seventh safest city in America according to FBI statistics and is consistently ranked as one of the ten best cities for raising children.

Incorporated in 1950, Livonia is the eighth largest city in Michigan. The city's master plan was devised in the 1950s with implementation and updating continuing through the present.

One important aspect of the city's organization is that industry is concentrated in a six square mile area, leaving the remaining 30 square miles for commercial, residential and civic development.

Because of the city's upscale constituency, retailers have excellent markets here. The city has two major retail shopping centers – Livonia Mall and Laurel Park Place – and numerous other retail and entertainment venues.

Recreation is another highlight of Livonia living. The City has 1,342 acres set aside for recreational purposes, including one of the largest municipal parks in the state – Livonia's 280-acre Bicentennial Park. An 18-hole golf course, one of three maintained by the city, is located in the park.

A D D E N D U M

Area: 36 square miles.

Economic Base: Diversified base of residential, retail, commercial/office and industry.

Government: Mayor and City Council.

Housing: \$188,500

Income: \$83,660

Library: Three municipal libraries: Civic Center, Carl Sandburg, Alfred Noble; www.livonia.lib.mi.us.

Local Newspaper: *Livonia Observer*, www.observer-eccentric.com.

Location: Halfway between Detroit and Ann Arbor in northwest Wayne County, easy access to I-96 and I-275.

Medical Services: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Henry Ford Medical, University of Michigan and Botsford General (see *Health Care*).

Parks and Recreation: There are 46 municipal parks, 3 city-owned golf courses, numerous ball diamonds, tennis courts, soccer fields. Community recreation center has pools, climbing wall, in-line skating skateboard park. Civic Park Senior Center includes a library branch.

Population: 98,841

Post Office: 11800 Merriman Road, Livonia 48150; 37500 Pembroke Ave., Livonia 48152; Livonia Mall, 29626 Seven Mile, Livonia 48152; 800-ASK-USPS.

Protection: Full-time fire and police.

Schools: Clarenceville School District, Livonia Public Schools (see *Public School chart*).

Tax Rates (per \$1,000 taxable value): Clarenceville homestead 35.5260, non-homestead 52.7595; Livonia homestead 34.5521, non-homestead 51.9089.

Transportation: SMART fixed bus routes along major roads, SMART Connector curb service, Livonia-Redford-Farmington Park and Ride, reservations at (866) 962-5515, www.smartbus.org; Livonia Community Transportation door to door, (734) 466-2613.

Utilities: DTE Energy (electric), Consumers Energy (gas), AT&T (phone), Bright House (cable), City of Detroit water and sewers.

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Westland

If you're looking for a healthy, dynamic and robust community, Westland may be to your liking. Established as a city in 1966, Westland was one of the earliest suburban communities that developed outside the city of Detroit. Offering friendly neighborhoods and good roads, Westland became a community that consistently attracts young families. Home to Westland Mall, one of the country's original four shopping malls, Westland provides a great variety of retail choices. As part of the River Rouge watershed, residents enjoy extensive green space and recreational opportunities.

A D D E N D U M

Area: 20.42 square miles.

Economic Base: Well diversified with residential, retail, commercial, manufacturing and new industrial parks.

Government: Mayor and City Council.

Housing: \$149,500

Income: \$66,000

Library: William P. Faust Public Library, (734) 326-6123, www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Local Newspaper: *Westland Eagle*, (734) 467-1900, www.journalgroup.com.

Location: Southwest of Detroit off I-275, easy access to I-94 and I-96, 7 miles from Metro Detroit Airport.

Medical Services: Garden City Hospital, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (see *Health Care*).

Parks and Recreation: Middle Rouge River, William P. Holliday Parkway along Hines Dr., numerous city parks, Mike Modano Ice Arena, Bailey Recreation Center, pool, skate park, golf course, seniors programs through Friendship Center (734-722-7628).

Population: 83,685

Protection: Full time police and fire.

Schools: Garden City Schools, Inkster Schools, Livonia Schools, Taylor Schools, Wayne-Westland Schools (see *Public School chart*).

Tax Rates (per \$1,000 taxable value): Garden City homestead 38.3029, non-homestead 56.3029; Inkster homestead 44.3691, non-homestead 61.6412; Livonia homestead 36.5189, non-homestead 53.8757; Taylor homestead 33.9291, non-homestead 51.9291; Wayne-Westland homestead 38.7713, non-homestead 56.7713.

Transportation: SMART bus fixed routes and SMART Connector curb service, reservations at 866-962-5515, www.smartbus.org; Nankin Transit, door to door service for seniors and disabled, reservations (734) 729-2710.

Utilities: DTE Energy (electric), Consumers Energy (gas), AT&T (phone), Wide Open West (cable), City of Detroit water and sewers.

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