



Mayor Waterman's Spirit of Pontiac Update

Deirdre Waterman has been mayor of Pontiac since 2014. She holds the distinction of being the city's first woman to serve as mayor and the state's first African-American female ophthalmologist.
<https://www.facebook.com/pontiacmayor/>

A Christmas Letter from Mayor Deirdre Waterman

I send these Holiday Greetings on behalf of all those who have helped to usher in a new era in Pontiac. Whether you have been an active partner, or a stakeholder, or just cheered us on as we have united as a city to forge ahead in progress, I offer our gratitude at this traditional season of appreciation.

It has been an eventful year in which we are thankful for all those who have persevered and prospered with us. We are welcoming new partners, residents and businesses, continuing to support the old ones, while saying "Farewell" to some iconic memories of our past era. It took a second more powerful blast to bring the mighty Silverdome down.

Pontiac is a city that believes in itself. As we continue to rebuild, I extend Holiday Best Wishes for a Joyous Season and Peace and Happiness in the New Year.



PONTIAC JOBS PIPELINE

**Mayor Waterman is putting
Pontiac Back to Work**

Over 4,000 new jobs coming to Pontiac.
Pontiac has diversified its economy and built a job pipeline for residents.

- 2,100 Financial Sector Jobs (No college degree necessary)
- 900 Aerospace Engineering Jobs
- 500 High Tech Jobs
- 650 Traditional Manufacturing Jobs
- 100+ Service Industry Jobs

Job Pipeline for Pontiac Residents

Are you looking for one of the new jobs?
Job pipeline for Pontiac residents only

**Call the Job Pipeline today:
(248) 758-3JOB**

For more info visit our website: <http://www.pontiac.mi.us/about/jobpipeline.php>
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pontiaccityhall/176f-br_10

Call Hours: 9:00am-4:30pm

On October 19, 2017, Mayor Deirdre Waterman announced the inception of the Pontiac Jobs Program. The Mayor's program was specifically designed to assist City residents with finding a job within the City. Administered by City staff, the program will be accessible via City webpage, City of Pontiac Facebook page and through a specifically designated telephone number where residents will listen to a recorded message explaining how to take advantage of the new program.

All interested candidates will be requested to provide some information about themselves and will be added to a list overseen by the Human Resources division. All candidates that have requested to be placed on the list will receive email reminders to check for new positions available online. They will also receive notifications for local job fairs, as well as other job search related information. The City of Pontiac will hold its first local Pontiac Jobs Program job fair in early 2018.

Workforce development is key to the growth of both community and resident. Focusing on people and helping them connect with jobs is a main facet of this administration. Due to the Mayor's economic development efforts there has been an influx of jobs into the City, and Mayor Waterman intends to make sure that her residents are fully informed of the many opportunities that now exist.

PONTIAC HAS RECEIVED THE HIGHEST AWARD IN GOVERNMENTAL BUDGETING FROM GFOA

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the City of Pontiac with the highest governmental budgeting award possible. This award represents a significant accomplishment for the City of Pontiac. Only entities that meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting receive an award of this magnitude.

"I am proud of my staff and honored as your Mayor to receive this prestigious award, which has never been given to our city in the history of Pontiac, Michigan, until now".

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!



NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM



The 2017 Neighborhood Empowerment Project has completed 10 out of 12 parks that were slated for improvements.

Below is a listing of the parks along with a description of the improvements:

- **Oakhill Cemetery** - mausoleum repaired and trees trimmed
- **Shirley Willard Park** - a complete park renovation with the assistance of a grant received from Community Development
- **Montana Park** - painted all the equipment; installed bench & monkey bars and landscaping
- **N. Kiwanis Park** - playscape, soccer poles, six new benches and three tables
- **GM Modern Housing** - thirteen trees removed and stumps were grind; 46 new trees planted
- **GM Housing Earth Day Clean-up** - two dumpsters were provided by the county & city; tire recycling
- **Charlie Harrison Park** - two new picnic tables and benches, mulch for playscapes, tree removal, painted and upgraded signage
- **Kusatsu Garden** - addition of flowers, trees, Bamboo bench, stepping stones as well as cobblestone, place made available for Japanese garden
- **Argyle Park** - installed new bench, teeter tarter, frog and monkey bars, new fencing, leveled, grated and reseeded property
- **Mattie Hatchett Park** - four new tables and benches, entire pavillion painted, basketball court refinished, entire play equipment painted, new asphalt laid
- **The work on Richardson and Rotary Parks will soon be completed**



Beautification is still at work throughout the City of Pontiac!