



January 19, 2017

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Christmas trees placed at the curb for the remainder of January will be taken to the landfill.

Meetings

Parks & Recreation Commission - Wednesday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m. - Township Hall

[Agendas and minutes are available by clicking here](#)

This Just In...

City Council Update

Highlights from the meeting on Jan. 17

This was the first meeting that began at the new starting time of 7 p.m.

Fire truck - City Council approved the purchase of a used Pierce firetruck from the City of Plymouth in the amount of \$11,000 to replace a similar truck owned by Northville that needs repair. Northville's 1988 Pierce model will be listed for sale when the replacement fire engine is delivered to the firehouse.

Change of order - Allen Terrace retaining wall - City Council approved a \$9,600 change of order to use a different stone formation on a portion of the retaining wall located near the building's exhaust vents for greater durability - a plan reviewed and approved by an architect.

Collective bargaining - City Council approved the tentative agreement with the Police Patrol Group (POAM).

Are you tossing trash in the recycling bin?



Pizza boxes being recycling must have all food residue removed.

Homeowners in Northville take pride in being able to recycle used containers, cans, glass and paper to keep these items out of landfills. However, there are some items that routinely get tossed into the recycling bin when they should be thrown into the garbage can.

Here's a brief refresher and what can and can't be recycled.

Do recycle:

Glass: bottles and jars only (with lids thrown away -they are not recyclable)

Pizza boxes - without any food residue or grease. (If only a section of the box is contaminated, cut that part out, throw it away and recycle the rest.)

Plastics with recycling numbers 1-7

Bottles, cans and paper (e.g. office paper, newspaper)

Cardboard

Coffee cups made of paper

Plastic lids with recycling numbers 1-7

Don't recycle:

Aluminum foil

Frozen food boxes

Plastic bags, plastic wrap and film.

Containers with food residue (inside or outside)

Shredded paper

Polystyrene foam cups or containers, including egg cartons, packing popcorn, take-out containers and drinking cups (okay to recycle coffee cups made of paper).

Other points about when to recycle or toss:

The biggest mistake people make is trying to recycle something with food residue on it. If you can't remove all traces of food, throw it away.

No hazardous items, such as paint, oil, batteries or fluorescent bulbs should be placed in the recycling bin. The next hazardous waste day will be in May at Livonia's Ford Field (date to be announced). Northville will hold the fall hazardous waste day at the City Yard.

For a complete list of recyclables, [visit Waste Management's website](#).

Recycling bins can be purchased at City Hall for \$12 and \$6 for a lid (optional). To keep tabs on your recycling bin, mark it with your address or name.

Dog Licenses

City Ordinance requires all dogs 4 months and older to be licensed. The annual license fee is \$12 (\$9 with documented spay/neuter).

Please provide a current rabies vaccination certificate at the time of application. Licenses are available at the City Clerk's Office. To register by mail, [visit the City's website to download an application](#).

Dog licenses for 2016 expire Feb. 28, 2017. Courtesy renewal notices for dogs licensed in 2016 were mailed to registered owners earlier this month.

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Through Jan. 28

Unsettled: The Printmaking of Robin Gibson

Northville Art House

Unsettled: The Printmaking of Robin

Gibson, features lithographs, intaglios and relief prints by Associate Professor of Art at Penn State University, Robin Gibson.

Gibson's prints have been exhibited widely in solo, group and juried exhibitions and are in numerous corporate, museum, and university collections including the Achenbach Foundation, San Francisco Museum of Fine Arts; the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution; and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

The exhibition runs through Jan. 28 during Art House hours, Tuesday-Friday 12-5 p.m. and Saturday 12-4 p.m. [Read more...](#)



Sunday, Jan. 29

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Maybury State Park

Friends of Maybury cross-country skiing

If there is snow, you can cross-country ski with Friends of Maybury. Meet at the trailhead closest to the main parking lot. Bring your own skis; there are no ski rentals at Maybury. This is

a free event. You need a recreation passport to enter the park. Dress in layers to stay warm.



Wednesday, Feb. 8

Grow Your Business with eMail & Social Media

Northville District Library

7 p.m.

This free workshop is designed to help you grow your business by using email and social media more effectively. Get simple but powerful tips on how to get your messages opened,

read, and shared. Presented by Candy Jones-Guerin from Constant Contact.

[Register online at our Events Calendar on the Library's website](#) or call 248.349.3020.

Business

Sign up for automatic tax bill payment

Take advantage of automatic tax bill payment. Residents and businesses may now pay their tax bills automatically by [clicking here and completing the online](#)

[form.](#)

Enroll in the program and your summer tax bill will be paid on August 31st. For the winter tax bill you designate the date of payment as either December 31st or February 14th. By taking advantage of this program, your taxes will always be paid on time whether you are sick or out of town. Added benefits are no checks to write, no need to wonder if the check was received in time to avoid penalty and no trips to City Hall.

Participants in automatic bill payment of property taxes receive their tax bill in the mail on July 1st and December 1st with a letter confirming when the withdrawal will be made from their account. PLEASE NOTE: This is a year-round program. Electronic Funds Payment is not available for only the summer tax or only the winter tax bill.

Tax & Assessing data lookup

You may retrieve tax and assessing data from the convenience of your home 24/7 by [visiting the City of Northville's website](#).

If you have any questions, call the Tax & Assessing Office at 248-449-9901.

Accountability & Transparency

To meet the requirements for Accountability & Transparency under City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing/County Incentive Program (CVTRS/CIP), the City of Northville must certify to the Michigan Department of Treasury that it has produced and made readily available to the public:

1. A Citizen's Guide of its most recent local finances, including recognition of its unfunded liabilities
2. A Performance Dashboard
3. A Debt Service Report containing a detailed listing of its debt service requirements, including, at a minimum, the issuance date, issuance amount, type of debt instrument, a listing of all revenues pledged to finance debt service by debt instrument, and a listing of the annual payment amounts until maturity
4. A Projected Budget Report of revenues and expenditures including, at a minimum, the current fiscal year and a projection for the immediately following year and an explanation of the assumptions used for the projections

[The above documents may be found on the City's website.](#)

Around Town

Yard signs

Please be advised that signs cannot be placed in the right-of-way. Signs must be placed on your property, behind the sidewalk. Signs placed in the right-of-way or the public areas will be removed. If you have any questions, please call Bill Barent, ordinance officer, at 248-305-2707.

Sewage backups

Most homeowner's insurance will not cover sewage backups, but insurance can often be obtained as an added item. Ask your insurance provider about this option. Also, consider having a plumber install a check valve - backflow preventer - to help minimize the risk of backups and related damage.

Sewer backup legislation clarifies when municipalities are liable for sewer backups, sets standards to determine the extent to which a municipality is liable for sewer backups, and establishes a process to seek compensation when a backup occurs.

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system that you believe was caused by a defect or neglect by the City, you must file a written claim within 45 days after the overflow or backup is discovered. Notice should be mailed to the City of Northville, Attn: City Clerk, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. Claim forms may be obtained by calling 248-449-9930. The filing of a claim does not guarantee reimbursement.

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