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City Council - Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Planning Commission - Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. - Meeting Room - City Hall

Downtown Development Authority - Thursday, Feb. 21, 8 a.m. - Meeting Room - City Hall

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

This Just In...

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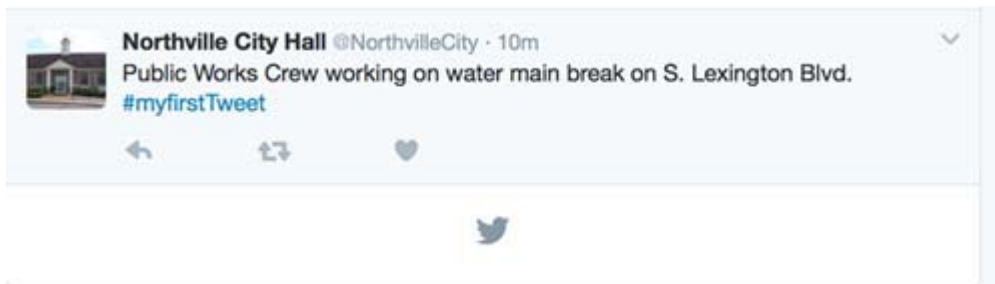
The City of Northville has started a Twitter account. See breaking news there as well as general news of interest to residents, visitors, business owners and

people who work in the City. We will provide you with additional information by including links to read more on the City of Northville website or other sites and sources.

Our profile is Northville City Hall and you'll find us [@NorthvilleCity](#) - we wanted to spell out City Hall, but were held to a character limit. We're open to ideas about what you want to see on this social media site. As you may know, tweets are no longer than 140 characters.

[Follow us on Twitter and invite others to do the same.](#)

Here's our first tweet.



Personal Property Statement forms due this month

Michigan State law requires that all businesses in existence on Dec. 31, file a personal property statement no later than Feb. 20 of the preceding year. If you do not file a Personal Property statement as of Feb. 20, the assessor will determine an assessment for your business based upon other like businesses in the City of Northville or surrounding area, and there is no recourse for an appeal at the March Board of Review or through the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

You may qualify for a personal property exemption. To be eligible, a taxpayer must meet ALL of the following:

1. The exemption must be properly claimed (this is done by filing the affidavit no later than Feb. 10, and
2. The personal property must be classified as industrial personal property or commercial personal property as defined in MCL 211.34c or would be classified as industrial personal property or commercial personal property if not exempt, and
3. The combined true cash value of all industrial personal property and commercial personal property owned by, leased by or in possession of the owner or a related entity claiming the exemption is less the \$80,000 in the local tax collecting unit, and
4. The property is not leased to or used by a person that previously owned

the property or a person that, directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or under common control with the person that previously owned the property.

Some helpful links:

[2017 Personal Property Statement:](#)

[Affidavit of Owner of Eligible Personal Property Claiming Exemption from Collection of Taxes \(As of 12-31- 2016\)" Form 5076.](#)

2017 Dog Licenses must be renewed by Feb. 28

All dogs four months and older must be licensed per City ordinance. To renew a dog license or obtain a new one, you must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate. Licenses are available at the City Clerk's Office. To register by mail, [visit the City's website](#) to download an application. The annual license fee is \$12 (\$9 with documented spay/neuter).

Help keep our storm drains free of pollutants



As stormwater flows over our lawns and driveways, it picks up fertilizers, oil, chemicals, pet waste and anything else in its path. The runoff is sent to the storm drain system, which transports these pollutants to local lakes and streams. Anything that goes into a storm drain eventually ends up in a river, lake or stream.

Now is the time when many people are signing up for lawn service. Make sure you ask the lawn technician about the type of fertilizer being used. Select earth-friendly fertilizers, which have slow-release nitrogen and low or no phosphorus.

Some of the common household products that can enter our storm drains are antifreeze, household cleaners, gasoline, pesticides, oil paints, solvents and motor oil. Instead of putting these items in the trash, down the storm drain, or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste center or collection day. The next one is Saturday, April 22, at the Romulus Civic Center parking lot. It is a Wayne County event, but open to all Northville residents.

Events / Things to Do



**Volunteers Needed for 20th Annual
Rouge Frog and Toad Survey
Workshop dates - Saturdays, from 10
a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Feb. 18
Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit
Parkway, Canton, MI 48188

Feb. 25
Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 31555 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington
Hills, MI 48336

Spring is when frogs and toads begin their chorus of calls. This spring, consider learning why frogs and toads are making those sounds and which ones you might have in your area. Friends of the Rouge is looking for people interested in participating in the annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey. The survey is a simple presence/absence survey. Volunteers visit wetlands at night and identify what types of frogs and toads are calling.

Interested volunteers need to sign up for one of the training sessions listed above. All materials are provided at the workshop. Volunteers are assigned survey blocks and required to visit them several times a month from March through June on damp, warm nights.

This is the 20th year of the survey. The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetland health. Diverse, healthy wetlands support diverse assemblages of amphibians. To learn more about the findings from the survey, [visit the FOTR website](#). [Read more...](#)



Through March 25

The 11th Annual Northville Art House Member Exhibition
Tuesday-Friday 12 - 5 p.m. and Saturday 12 - 4 p.m.
Admission: Free

The Northville Art House presents the 11th Annual Member Exhibition, featuring original works in all mediums, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, jewelry, clay, and mixed media. The exhibition showcases the talents of over 60 member artists of the Northville Art House and also recognizes the people who support the growth and creativity of the arts in the community.

Consider becoming a member of the Art House to participate in future member exhibitions and events, and enjoy other benefits. [Applications are available online](#), by calling 248-344-0497, or at the Northville Art House, 215 West Cady Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Memberships start at \$30.



SKYWARN

Skywarn Severe Weather Spotter Training
Register now.

Skywarn is an effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies by expanding networks of spotters and getting more people involved in tornado warning programs. Not all tornadoes show up on radar, but they can be seen. Only one instrument can detect a tornado or funnel with complete certainty: the human eye.

Skywarn training sessions are held to train individuals how to accurately observe weather phenomena such as floods, hail, wind and its associated damage, cloud features that lead to tornadoes and those that do not. The class covers what information to report and how to report it. Basic severe weather safety is also covered. Classes are free and last one and one-half hours. While new technological and scientific tools have advanced the National Weather Service (NWS) capability to predict severe weather, the trained spotter remains essential to the NWS warning process. The more trained "eyes" the NWS has in the field, the better they can serve the public during a severe weather event.

SPOTTER TRAINING CLASSES

Wed., March 1 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Sat., March 18 10 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328

Sat., March 18 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Tues., March 21 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	The Charter Township of Commerce Township 2009 Township Drive, Commerce Township, 48390
Thurs., April 6 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Karl Richter Campus Community Center 300 East Street, Holly, 48442
Mon., April 10 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Orion Center 1335 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion, 48360
Wed., April 12 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Southfield Public Library 26300 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, 48076

All interested parties (e.g. fire, police, EMS, security, volunteers and citizens) are encouraged to attend this program, coordinated by The Oakland County Homeland Security Division.

Limited space is available, [reserve online](#) or call 248-858-5300

Native Plants with Drew Lathin: Three-part series at Northville District Library 7 p.m.

Monday, April 5
The Beauty of Native Plants: Their Function in Supporting Wildlife in Urban and Suburban Landscapes

Monday, April 17
Designing Landscapes with Native Plants

Tuesday, April 25
Rain Gardens

[Register online](#) 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](#).

Signing up for this program requires that both the summer and winter tax bills be paid through electronic funds payments (EFP). Enrollees pay their summer tax bill on Aug. 31, and can designate either Dec. 31 or Feb. 14 for payment of their winter tax bill.

Participants receive their tax bill in the mail on July 1 and Dec. 1 with a letter confirming when the withdrawal will be made from their account.

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.

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 they have 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 by visiting 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, or will be subject to removal. If you have any questions, please call Bill Barent, Ordinance Officer at 248-305-2707.

At Home

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.

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system and plan to file a claim with the City of Northville, you must do so 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 the Department of Public Works at 248-449-9930.

When presenting a written claim, you will be required to provide the following items:

1. Copies of receipts for cleaning costs, plumbing bills, or other bills.
2. List of the damaged items and receipts to prove the ages of your items. Reimbursement for the Actual Cash Value of damaged items is the maximum amount payable.
3. Please make an attempt to provide pictures of anything you wish to claim that was damaged due to the sewer backup.

The filing of a claim does not guarantee reimbursement.

City Hall's Facebook page is live

Be a follower on our [facebook page](#). You will be able to see stories, photos and videos of the City's people, places and events. We'll fill you in on City services, such as trash pick up, payment of taxes and utility bills, and roads under construction. Plus, we want to hear from you. Share your photos and comments; ask questions. If you like our page, new posts will show up in your news feed.

Add your name to the City News mailing list

New subscribers to City News can sign up below (if you are viewing the e-mail

version). You can also [sign up on the City of Northville website](#) (homepage, left hand column under Quick Links)

If you have comments or requests for specific news items, please e-mail Liz Cezat, Communications Manager, at lcezat@ci.northville.mi.us.

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