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Meetings

Board of Zoning Appeals - Wednesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

At the Feb. 21 meeting, the Northville City Council approved the following:

- a resolution that appropriates a Wayne County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$25,471 for senior services in the following manner: Public Services - Senior services, \$3,821; Rehab Public Residential - Allen Terrace, \$19,103; and General Program Administration \$2,547.
- the award of the fabrication and installation of 15 signs to Universal Sign Systems for an amount not to exceed \$73,187.52. The signs consist of 7 directional signs on 7 and 8 Mile roads, parking signs, other mounted signs, and a directional sign to the Cider Mill Winery & Brewery, which Northville Cider Mill will pay \$3,275.51 to the City for reimbursement.

- non-union wage and benefit adjustments for four years with a 2.5% wage increase annually, and elimination of both Part B of Medicare reimbursement and dental insurance for retirees. The defined contribution retirement plan employer contribution will be raised by 1%, 0%, .5% and .5% over the four-year period. These reflect the same changes made in labor contracts with AFSCME (DPW), POAM (police patrol) and MAPE (clerical).

This Just In...



Five new Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) were purchased for the City of Northville, with one of those donated by Joe Corriveau. The Police Department now offers this life-saving service - since January. The Fire Dept. has been using AEDs for several years. From left, Joe, Fire Chief Steve Ott and Police Chief Mike Carlson.

Have you paid your 2016 property taxes?

Last day to pay your summer and/or winter taxes to the City is February 28, 2017. On March 1, 2017 delinquent real property taxes are turned over to the County for collection. You can [check your balances online](#).

Follow us on Twitter



The City of Northville now has 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're open to ideas about what you want to see on this social media site. Tweets are no longer than 140 characters.

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Renew 2017 Dog Licenses 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).

Events / Things to Do



**Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Volunteers Needed for 20th Annual
Rouge Frog and Toad Survey
Farmington Hills Council Chambers,
31555 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills**

Spring is only two months away, the time 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 three 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 will be 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](#).

About FOTR: Friends of the Rouge is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed. The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. Additional information at the [FOTR website](#).



Friday, Feb. 24
Soft opening of the expanded Browndog
3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Micro-batch creamery Browndog is celebrating its second anniversary (that's 14 dog years) by hosting a soft opening of their expanded location at 120 E. Main in Northville. It is rebranding as a barlor (bar and ice cream parlor) and will serve Sunday brunch, from 10

a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning Sunday, Feb. 26.

Co-owners Brian Scherle and Paul Gabriel note that the location will continue to be family friendly where guests can enjoy uniquely flavored small-batch ice cream. With a full kitchen led by executive chef Chris Kurtz, the creamery/bar/restaurant will offer more adult fare with small plates, spirited ice cream drinks and cocktails.

For more information, [visit the Browndog Creamery website](#).



Through March 25, 2017
The 11th Annual Northville Art House Member
Exhibition

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 as well as recognizes the people who support the growth and creativity of the arts in the community.

The exhibition runs through Saturday, March 25, during Art House hours, Tuesday-Friday 12 - 5 p.m. and Saturday 12 - 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Become a member today to be considered for future Northville Art House member exhibitions and events as well as other exciting benefits. [Applications are available online](#), by calling 248-344-0497, or at the Northville Art House, 215 West Cady, Northville. 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 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 1.5 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 Orion Center
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 1335 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion, 48360
Wed., April 12 Southfield Public Library
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 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



March 3
First Friday Experience
Artwalk ~ Shopping ~ Dining
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Browse galleries and boutiques and enjoy specials such as featured artists, trunk shows, demonstrations, music and more at the merchants of Downtown Northville. Grab a bite to eat at one of our many [restaurants](#), stroll our picturesque streets, do a little [shopping](#), and learn about a new art style.

Galleries have special showings or exhibits.

Dancing Eye Gallery

101 N. Center
(248) 449-7086
[Website](#)

Northville Art House (See related article in this issue.)

215 W. Cady
(248) 344-0497
[Website](#)

Northville Gallery

123 E. Main
(248) 465-9630

Starring "The Gallery"

118 W. Main
(248) 347-1642
[Website](#)

Tiffany Art Glass

121 E. Main (2nd floor)

(248) 349-2777

[Website](#)

Many restaurants and business support the First Friday Experience and are open until at least 8 pm. These include:

Bricks of Northville ~ Broughton Music ~ Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar ~ Celebrity Pets Company ~ D & D Bicycle & Hockey ~ The Next Chapter Book Store & Bistro ~ Gardenviews ~ Joseph's Coney Island ~ Koji ~ Long's Plumbing & Bath Showroom ~ Lorla's ~ Lace Museum of Detroit ~ Massage Green ~ Northville Square ~ Orin Jewelers ~ Pear-aphernalia ~ Rebecca's Family Restaurant & Ice Cream Parlor ~ Salon Tre Bella V ~ Simply Wine ~ Sincerely Yours ~ Studio 170 ~ The Bee's Knees ~ Tiramisu Italian Ristorante ~ Tuscan Café ~ Urban Optiques Vision & Eyewear ~ Van Dam's Boutique

[Walking maps](#) are available at each business to help you find your way around.



**March 18
Northville Business Showcase
Northville High School
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Tickets: \$3 and can be purchased at the door

March is the time to shine a spotlight on our local Northville Business Community. In addition, we will be celebrating Michigan made products and businesses. The business showcase will feature more than 70 diverse businesses and professionals.

Highlights Include:

- Giveaways
- Raffle Prizes
- Michigan made Products
- Free information
- Product samples
- Coupons
- Food samples from Northville Restaurants & Caterers
- Awards for Best Restaurant/Caterer, Business Display and Theme Display

For details, [visit the Chamber of Commerce's website](#).

Wednesday, 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

Native Plants with Drew Lathin: Three Part Series at Northville District Library.
[Register online](#) or call 248.349.3020. All programs begin at 7 p.m.



April 7

Order Deadline - Oakland Conservation District's Spring Tree Sale

Each spring the Oakland Conservation District holds a tree and plant sale offering a wide variety of native and non-invasive species of trees and plants. The sale is the

organization's primary source of funding and enables it to work on projects with other natural resource organizations, as well as Oakland County Parks and Recreation, and MSU Extension.

[Order soon](#). Quantities are limited.

Pre-ordered plants must be picked up at the [Waterford Oaks Greenhouse](#) on Sat., April 29, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Business

Salon and spa services at Tease Studio are a sweet treat



The staff of Tease Studio, from left: Nancy Rakipi, Diane Trammal, Donna Stante, Irena Williams, Roz Bekiri and Aferdita Rakipi.

Remember the TV show *Cheers*, where regulars, neighbors and newcomers stopped in and had a lively discussion, bonded and felt at home? That's the type of familiarity you'll find at Tease Studio, which opened in April 2016 at 113 North Center (in the building behind Simply Wine and the Haven).

Tiny in size, Tease feels like a big city salon. In place of beer served from the *Cheers* bar, you'll find their stash of sweets and goodies nestled next to the coffee service. It's a social outing for customers of all ages and staff, who regard each other as family.

The hair salon and spa is owned by Donna Stante, a 37-year veteran of beauty salons and a Northville resident. She owned the award-winning Secretz salon in Westland and worked at three other salons in western Wayne County before opening Tease Studio. Her clientele alone is enough to keep the shop clipping along, yet stylist Nancy Rakipi, who sold her the shop (formerly "Salon North") has stayed on. Donna is looking for a third stylist.

The salon is open Tuesday through Friday. It offers a full range of services, from haircuts and color to perms and up-dos, as well as facials and nail services.

There's a curtained room next to the foyer where Irena Williams, an experienced esthetician, provides European-style facials, complete with a soothing head, neck and shoulder massage. The nail stylist is Nancy's daughter, Aferdita Rakipi. Diane Trammal greets customers and schedules appointments. Roz Bekiri, a licensed stylist, assists Donna with up to 25 customers a day.

Tease Studio sells specialty products that Donna attests to. These include Tensage® by Biopelle, which diminishes age lines; Davines, an Italian hair care line; Zenagen for hair loss; Pai Shau, hair care products; and Aerogel hair spray. A glass top display table showcases sparkling touchstone crystal jewelry by Swarovski. It's a one-stop shop for getting products and services that accentuate beauty. Men are also welcome.

The salon is technically advanced, with new appointment scheduling software and a Sonos stereo system.

Clients come from throughout southeastern Michigan and Canada. "It's so much fun, I never want to leave. Everybody is happy here," said Josie Norcia, a client for eight years who has become a close friend to Donna.

Donna seconds that comment. "Some people just come by to visit. It's like a nice living room atmosphere."



Donna Stante prepares to touch up the hair of customer and friend Josie Norcia.

The diminutive salon is maximized by a functional, chic layout. Donna remodeled the stylist stations by customizing cabinets purchased from Haven. A wall of matching shelves will be added behind the hair basins to hold product lines.

"It's a reflection of me," said Donna. Creating a space that matches her vision for the salon, and having employees and guests interact well in that space as it becomes profitable and provides a source of income for employees are measures of success. "I don't feel like it's my salon," said Donna. "I feel like it's our salon" - giving a nod to the women who work there.

Customer-focused service soars to new heights at Tease. The women will go out to the parking lot and help older customers in. They make birthday cakes for employees and longtime customers. Rocky, a daisy dog owned by Cheryl and Tony Nestro of Tutto (upstairs from the salon), often visits. Customers like to hold him on their lap since he brings added serenity.

Donna enjoys giving back to the community. She is chair of the 25th annual gala for St. Mary's Hospital that will take place Oct. 13, 2017. For that event, she will line up donations, supporters and vendors. Her shop will do hair and makeup for many of the guests.

For appointments or to find out more about the salon's services and products, call 248-305-9505.

Scheduling online inspections

Contractors and homeowners in the City of Northville may schedule inspections using the [new online inspection portal](#). The portal allows users to request all types of inspections, such as building, electrical, plumbing and heating. Users must have their assigned permit number when using the Inspection portal. If you are requesting an inspection for the following business day, it must be scheduled by 3:30 p.m.

Paperless billing option for utilities

Utility bill customers may now sign up to receive email bills or arrange for automatic payment through the City's website. E-bills are e-mailed on the billing date with a full page bill attached in PDF format. Automatic payment is an arrangement between the customer's bank and our bank by which the amount due is deducted from the customer's account each due date. You can [sign up online](#) or call 248-449-9901 with questions.

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 have 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 by [visiting the City's website](#).

Around Town

What to do if a water main breaks

Each year the City has between 10 and 20 water main breaks, and most of these happen when the temperatures are below freezing. If residents see water bubbling out of the ground, contact the Public Works Department at 248-449-9930 or 248-349-1234 after hours and report its location. The sooner the leak is identified and reported, the quicker it can be repaired, reducing the chances of contamination entering the water system, and minimizing the cost for lost water.

At Home

Free home fire safety review

The Northville City Fire Department, which serves the Cities of Northville and Plymouth, offers home fire safety reviews. Simply contact the Department at 248-449-9920 to schedule an appointment. A team of Fire Department personnel will meet with you at your home and review items such as smoke detectors, electrical outlets, storage of flammable materials, home escape plans and other items that can have an impact on home fire safety. This is a free service.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that in 2014, structure fires caused 2,860 deaths, 13,425 injuries and \$9.8 billion in property damage. Home fire safety reviews can help reduce the risk of fire and its consequences.

Sewage backups

Sewer backup legislation clarifies when municipalities are liable for sewer backups, sets standards to determine the extent of that liability, and has a process to seek compensation when a backup occurs.

Anyone making a claim for property damage or physical injury must prove that the public sewer had a defect. It must be proven that the governmental agency knew or should have known about the defect, and that the governmental agency, having the legal authority to do so, failed to take reasonable steps in a reasonable amount of time to repair or remedy the defect.

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the City of Northville 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 City of Northville 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.

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.

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