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## **Meetings**

**City Council** - Monday, March 6, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

**Planning Commission** - Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

**Housing Commission** - Wednesday, March 8, 6 p.m. - Allen Terrace

**Arts Commission** - Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m. - Art House

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

## **This Just In...**

**Fish Hatchery Park clean up under way**



Northville Parks and Recreation Director Mark Gasche, associate Jason Nezich, and Northville Public Works Director Jim Gallogly assess options to clear a fallen tree from Johnson Creek, which feeds into the Middle Rouge River at Fish Hatchery Park.

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## **Randolph Drain clean-up begins**



Sediment from the Randolph Street Drain is being cleared as part of the dredging and maintenance of the pond, located on the northwest corner of Taft and 8 Mile near the Lexington condos. Work should be completed by July 1, 2017.

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**Citizens invited to apply for a seat on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)**

The Northville City Council is accepting applications to serve on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to fill two vacancies.



timeless...with a twist

The DDA's Board of Directors meet at 8 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the lower level of City Hall. The purpose of the DDA is to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the greater Northville area through economic and physical revitalization of the downtown business district. The DDA coordinates and supports activities to promote the economic viability of the downtown area. It also acts as an advocate for a safe, clean and attractive central business district. A strong downtown center is a major attraction for development and enhances the quality of the life for the entire community.

Information about the board composition and responsibilities is available on the [DDA website](#). For questions, contact Lori Ward, DDA Director, at 248-349-0345.

Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled and are available on the [City of Northville's website](#) or at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167. The City Clerk's Office will contact applicants about interview dates and times with the Selection Committee. Applications of those not chosen will be kept on file for future consideration.

## Events / Things to Do



### Through March 25 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 more than 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.

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 or at the Art House. Memberships start at \$30.

The exhibition hours are Tuesday-Friday 12 - 5 p.m. and Saturday 12 - 4 p.m. **Admission** is free.

[Northville Art House](#), 215 West Cady Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. For more information about the exhibit or membership, call 248-344-0497.



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

The first Friday of every month the merchants of Downtown Northville welcome you to browse their galleries and boutiques. You'll be greeted with featured artists, trunk shows, demonstrations, and specialty products.



Make a date to spend the evening in 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. It's a great way to spend a Friday night with family and friends!

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](#)

The First Friday Experience is not just for gallery lovers; it's a great way to relax on a Friday evening. In addition to our galleries, we have many restaurants and business that support the First Friday Experience and are open until at least 8 p.m. You will find special events such as artists and musicians on hand at some and others simply invite you to come in and eat or shop. 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 ~ Lace Museum of Detroit ~ Long's Plumbing & Bath Showroom ~ Lorla's ~ 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 ~ Tirami Su 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
- 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.](#)

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**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 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

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### **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.

#### **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**



**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.

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**Northville Historical Society  
2017 Victorian Clothing Sale**

**Thursday, April 20    1 PM - 7 PM  
Friday, April 21       1 PM - 7 PM  
Saturday, April 22    11 AM - 3 PM**

**Mill Race Historical Village  
215 Griswold Avenue (1 block north of Main Street)**

Victorian Era clothing and accessories for adults and children will be available for purchase from vendors.

New, vintage and gently used clothing will be available.

~\$2 Admission charge per adult

~Cash sales preferred, some vendors may not accept checks or credit cards

For more information call Northville Historical Society 248-348-1845 (Mon-Wed 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)

[Visit our website](#)





This clothing sale replaces the one that typically occurs in September. New this year, Northville Public Schools is having all second grade students visit Mill Race Village for spring tours and be outfitted so they are ready for the Heritage Festival in September.

## **Business**

### **Online payments for utility bills and taxes**

Online payments for taxes and utilities is available on the City's website offered through Point & Pay, for a convenience fee. [Click here](#) to access this option. On the left side of your screen, select either Property Tax and Assessing Lookup or Utility Bill Lookup. Search for your property and click on the "Pay Online" button. You will then be re-directed to the Point & Pay website to make a payment.

Fees: Please note there is a convenience fee paid directly to Point & Pay if you choose to utilize this option:

Credit Cards: 3% Fee (minimum \$2)

E-Checks: Flat Fee of \$3, up to \$10,000 or Flat Fee of \$10.00, anything over \$10,000

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## **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**

### **Streetlights**

Streetlight out? Businesses and residents can [report streetlight outages online](#). This link goes directly to the DTE streetlight outage reporting tool.

Businesses and residents who have a DTE wooden power pole on or adjacent to their property are eligible to have outdoor protective lighting installed on the pole to illuminate their private property. Residents may even qualify for no up-front cost installation. Please call 866-503-0627 and leave a detailed message for a DTE representative to contact you within three business days.

## **At Home**

### **Brush collection program**

The City of Northville allows residents to place branches at the curb without bundling or bagging them. Branches 6 feet long and up to 6 inches in diameter can be placed at the curb for removal by the City's solid waste collection contractor.

Residents can dispose of large piles of branches by placing them at the curb. Every Tuesday, year-round, a crew will come through each neighborhood and chip any branches left at the curb.

Branches must be in the street right-of-way (Between the street and the sidewalk). Simply stack the branches neatly behind the curb with the cut ends facing the street.

Crews will not collect roots, stumps dirt, lumber, railroad ties or any wood with metal in it.

Residents can dispose of firewood pieces and stumps with their normal weekly garbage (Maximum 35 gallon cans and 60 lb. weight limit).

Residents may have to rake up twigs and branch debris left behind on their property after brush is collected.

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## **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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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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### 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.



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