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Meetings

City Council - Monday, March 20, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Planning Commission - Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Downtown Development Authority - Tuesday, March 21, 8 a.m. - Meeting Room - City Hall

Parks & Recreation Commission - Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m. - Township Hall

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

This Just In...

Pickleball draws avid players to Northville Community Center

What's the game with a funny name that has become fanatically popular in recent years? It's pickleball, a moderately strenuous game played indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a short tennis net. It's a combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. Players use a large paddle to hit a plastic ball with holes. Points are scored while serving. The game is played as doubles or singles.



Patricia Hurick, of New Hudson, shows the ball used in pickleball. (Photos by Liz Cezat)

At the Northville Community Center, pickleball has caught on like wildfire. Men and women age 50 and up gather at the Community Center Wednesday through Sunday afternoons and evenings to play a sport that's part athletic and part social.

Nancy Kossak, of Northville, says she likes the competitiveness of the game. "It's a challenge and good exercise. You can play year-round and the gym is air

conditioned in the summer."

Bill George, of Canton, says he plays the game because it improves his mobility. "As you get older, you don't have to run around the court as much because they are half the size of a tennis court." He adds, "And, I like the people."



From left, Jan Perrin and Nancy Kossak, both of Northville, show the paddles used in the game. (Photos by Liz Cezat)

"I'm obsessed with the game," says Maryann Collins, of New Hudson.

Tami Fontaine, of Westland, noted, "You can come alone and play with others. You never have to worry about not having a team mate."

"It's the best thing," said Moe, of Canton. "It's not as boring as walking,"

Michael Namm, of Novi, runs a pickleball clinic at Hillside School gym every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The drop-in clinic costs a couple bucks to learn how to play. He notes there are rules and strategies that players should know before playing a game at the Community Center.

Attire is typically shorts and a short sleeve shirt because players move quickly and work up a sweat.

"Once they are hooked, they never give up the game," Namm said.

According to the USAPA, pickleball was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Washington. Three dads - Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell and Barney McCallum - created the game for their kids, who were bored with their usual summertime

activities. The game has evolved from original handmade equipment and simple rules into a popular sport throughout the U.S. and Canada.

For information, call Parks and Rec at 248.349.0203.



Pickleball players use three courts for doubles play at the Northville Community Center.
(Photos by Liz Cezat)



timeless...with a twist

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.

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 26 Maybury Farm Making Maple Syrup Tours

Tours are Saturdays and Sundays through March 26 and begin promptly at 1 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

Looking for something fun to do this weekend?

Ever wondered how delicious maple syrup gets made? Find out at "Making Maple Syrup Tours" at Maybury Farm. This is an amazing educational experience for all ages and a great farm tour to enjoy with your family.

The tour begins with a wagon ride to the Sugar Bush, where you will learn about the maple tree in its natural setting. Find out how to tap the maple tree and collect the sap. You may even get to taste the sap straight from the tree. Ride the wagon back to the Sugar Shack to see how the sap is converted into delicious maple syrup, and learn how syrup is graded.

After the tour, warm up in the Maybury Farm Welcome Center where hot drinks and snacks are available to enjoy next to the toasty wood stove. Pure Michigan maple syrup will be sold along with free recipes to try at home.

This is a popular annual event, so plan to arrive early to reserve your spot. Space is limited. To schedule a private Farm Tour for groups of 15 or more, call 248-374-0200.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. The cost for the Making Maple Syrup Tours is \$7 per person and children 2 and under are free. [Visit our website to learn more.](#)

About Maybury Farm

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Maybury Farm is a working farm with a mission to connect the community to animals and agriculture through hands-on experiences that are

both engaging and educational. Maybury Farm is open to the public Tuesday-Sunday beginning April 18. For more information please [visit our website](#) or [Facebook](#).



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 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.](#)



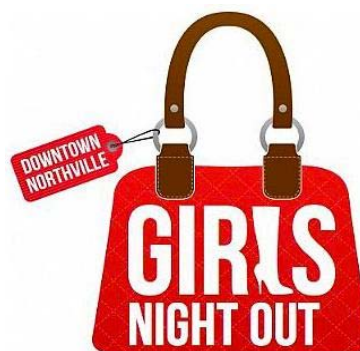
March 22
The History of Michigan's Largest
Commercial Fishery
Mill Race Village - Old School Church
7 p.m.

This Lecture documents the history of Michigan's largest commercial fishery on

Saginaw Bay from the 1850s to current times. Early records indicate Lower Saginaw, now known as Bay City, had the first fisheries. The fishing industry also developed at Bay Port, Essexville, East Tawas, Au Sable, Caseville, Oscoda, and Sebawaing. This 150-year visual history includes archival photos and rare film footage from fisheries around Saginaw Bay. Two years of research and first-hand interviews prove that Saginaw Bay was the world's largest freshwater fishery and is still a viable fishery today. Free and open to the public. Contact 248-348-1845 for more information.

Friday, March 31
Girls' Night Out
Downtown Northville
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Gather your girlfriends and join us for a night of new merchandise, special offers, giveaways and fun in Downtown Northville. Our businesses are staying open late and preparing a special event for your Girls' Night Out.



Held twice each year, shopping starts at 5 p.m. with special events, drawings, and discounts at many of the 50 retail stores in the city. From art galleries to boutiques to home decor and more, there's something for women of all ages and styles.

After you've experienced our stores, take the girls to one of more than 20 bars and restaurants in town - you won't even have to move your car. Many restaurants are offering specials just for Girls' Night Out participants.



SKYWARN

Skywarn Severe Weather Spotter Training

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.

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

Spotter Training Classes

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

Native Plants with Drew Lathin: Three Part Series

Northville District Library

All programs begin at 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.



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.



EGG HUNTS • FARM ANIMALS • SEED PLANTING
EASTER BUNNY • SMOKEY THE BEAR • CONCESSIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

**GATES OPEN AT 10AM - EGG HUNTS BEGIN AT 11
MAYBURY FARM - 50165 8 MILE RD., NORTHVILLE**

**KIDS ages 2 — 40 can REDEEM EGGS FOR A
PRIZE BAG FILLED WITH CANDY & TREATS!**

Admission is \$5 Per Vehicle (Cash Only)

Limited free parking at Maybury Farm

Additional parking at Maybury State Park
(Annual Recreation Passport required, \$11 at Secretary of State or park entry)

Egg Hunt limited to the first 700 kids

Brought to you by the Parks Partnership Committee:



April 16-22, 2017
Severe Weather Awareness Week

In an effort to minimize the loss of life and destruction of property that can result from severe weather, Oakland county Homeland Security will be conducting various educational efforts during severe weather week. This includes a special test of the outdoor warning system on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 1 p.m. Residents are encouraged to go over preparedness plans for tornadoes and other severe weather. [Click here for more information.](#)

April 28, 2017 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
April 29, 2017 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Collection
Ford Field (Livonia) enter off Stark Road from Schoolcraft
Open to residents of Livonia, City of Northville and Northville Township

Items accepted: Household paints, stains, dyes; floor wax, carpet cleaner; furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents; pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only); nail polish, glue; fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides; antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline; automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs (all types); fire extinguishers and smoke detectors; mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury.

Electronics Recycling - computer CPU's, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice; cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55-gallon drums, shock sensitive materials, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete. For information on how to dispose of these items, please contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

City of Northville residents who live in Oakland County ARE ABLE to participate in this event. [Read more...](#)



These are some of the many items that can be dropped off at the Hazardous Waste event in April.

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 31. For the winter tax bill you designate the date of payment as either December 31 or February 14. 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 1 and December 1 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 they 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

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

Prevent troublesome leaks in your water supply - whether it's from a bathroom faucet, toilet, garbage disposal, washing machine or other source. Small leaks and tiny trickles over time add up to a lot of wasted water. [Check out the EPA website](#) to learn how to stop leaks in their tracks.

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