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Meetings

City Council - Monday, April 3, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall
Beautification Commission - Monday, April 3, 8 a.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

CANCELED - Planning Commission - Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Board of Zoning Appeals - Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

City Council Budget Session - Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

This Just In...

Part II of a series

Homeowner and Condo Associations handle the work for the common good



When you sign up for the board of a homeowners association - whether it's a condo development or houses - you are considered a leader who will assist in managing the duties of running a neighborhood. These duties range from maintenance of common areas and tackling issues such as fallen trees and flooding, to developing a budget and collecting dues.

The City of Northville has many subdivisions and condominiums in addition to neighborhoods such as the Historic District, Cabbagetown and Beal Town. Many of these have associations.

Setting up governance for so-called HOAs is typically done when all of the homes and/or condos in a neighborhood have been built, and the responsibilities of the builder and developer have ended. Others set up associations years after a subdivision has been built. Regardless of timing, the HOAs are typically set up as an LLC or nonprofit corporation with a set of covenants, conditions and restrictions.

Recruiting new members is a top concern for existing boards

"The goal of the board is to maintain and improve the property, keep property values up, and be fiscally responsible," said Laura Keller, who's been on the seven-member board of Lexington Condo Homes Association for eight years

(serving four two-year terms).

"There's nobody clamoring to take the position." She added, "I've talked people out of resigning. It's like running a small business."

Keller's two-year term as president was up in March 2017, but board members elected her to serve yet another term.

To be more responsive to all condo owners, Keller changed the format at the association meetings so that condo owners have a five-minute open forum at the start to make their issues known. "It has made us run a more efficient meeting. The property manager and secretary take notes on complaints and list the issues that need to be worked on," she said.

As president of the Northville Estates Homeowners Association, Chuck Murdock has served three consecutive one-year terms. At Abbey Knoll Homeowners Association, Bob Krestel served on the board for years and ended his last term as president in January 2017. The HOA has an annual meeting, but Krestel says it's difficult to get people to attend and become involved with the association.

Staggering the start of board members' terms works well for many. At Lexington Commons Association, three board members are elected one year, and four others are elected the next year. Since the annual meeting in November, there are still three vacancies on a board of seven members, notes Todd Farmer, president of the association.

Pheasant Hills has an active board

Dan Wegienka has served four two-year terms as president of the Pheasant Hills Association, which represents 132 homeowners. He said they were fortunate to have two new homeowners volunteer for the board, who joined at a social event that drew 50 neighbors to the Northville Sports Den last fall.

"I want to see our board members retire to an advisory position as new members join the board," he said, because it's an easier transition. "I'm always getting information from surrounding subdivisions about how they run their association and neighborhood issues," he added.

Pheasant Hills has five board members: president, vice president, treasurer, a recording secretary who takes notes at meetings and keeps records, and a corresponding secretary who plans social events and handles communication with residents and others. They have two-year terms that end in November 2018.

City of Northville Planning Commission will begin meetings at 7 p.m.

The City of Northville Planning Commission is changing the starting time for its regular meetings to 7 p.m., beginning April 4. The commission meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at City Hall.

City of Northville seeks citizen volunteer for open seat on Housing Commission

If you are looking for a way to give back to the community, consider serving on the Housing Commission. Applications are being accepted to fill a vacancy, and will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants must be a registered voter in the City of Northville and be a resident of the City for at least two years.

The Housing Commission sets policy and provides guidance for the management of Allen Terrace, an apartment community for independent senior citizens aged 55 and over. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Allen Terrace.

Applications and additional information is available on the [City's website](#). You may also apply at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The City Clerk's Office will contact applicants regarding interview dates and times.

35th District Court Amnesty Program: Court Waives Late Fees

The 35th District Court announces the 2017 Amnesty Program for all delinquent civil infraction tickets. Unpaid tickets can accumulate additional default fees, late fees and warrant fees, which increase the original amount of the ticket. This program provides individuals with an opportunity to settle their old court financial obligations and pay the original amount of the ticket.

The court will give citizens an opportunity to resolve their outstanding tickets, avoid possible arrest and take advantage of the court waiving late penalties and fees.

To take advantage of this limited time opportunity, please note the following:

- The program will run through Friday, April 28, 2017.
- Amnesty applies only to those individuals who present themselves at the 35th District Court, 660 Plymouth Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. The court is open for business Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No mail in payments or on-line credit card payments will be accepted.
- Included are all payable **traffic civil infraction tickets** issued within the jurisdictions of Cities of Northville and Plymouth, Townships of Northville,

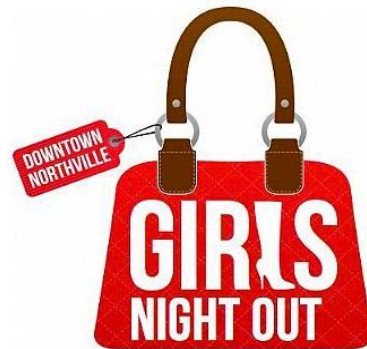
Plymouth and Canton.

- Under the program, individuals with arrest warrants for failure to appear in court on a **civil infraction** will have their outstanding warrant cancelled. These individuals may come to court without the fear of being arrested for their voluntary appearance.
- This is a one-time effort to clear a backlog of cases. Once free from the backlog, the court will continue to move more aggressively to enforce and collect on unpaid tickets, including all penalties and late fees.
- During the period of amnesty, the ticket will be reduced to the original fine plus the \$45.00 driver license clearance fee, if applicable. **Upon full payment**, the court will notify the Secretary of State to lift the suspension.
- All payments must be cash, certified check, money order or credit card.
- For information on paying court fines, please contact the court at 734-459-4740.

Events / Things to Do

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 over 50 retail stores. 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 over 20 bars and restaurants without ever moving your car. Many restaurants are offering specials just for Girls' Night Out participants!



Skywarn Severe Weather Spotter Training **Register now!**

Skywarn is an effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies by expanding networks of spotters and by encouraging the widest possible participation in tornado warning programs. There is no way to stop tornadoes, and not all tornadoes

show up on radar, but they can be seen. Lives can be saved. Only one instrument can detect a tornado or funnel with complete certainty, the human eye.

Skywarn training sessions are held to train individuals on how to accurately observe such weather phenomena as floods, hail, wind and its associated damage, cloud features that lead to tornadoes, and those cloud features that do not lead to tornadoes. 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" we have in the field during a severe weather event, the better our service to you and the public will be. More concern, more spotters, more eyes are needed. Lend us yours - learn SKYWARN!

SPOTTER TRAINING CLASSES

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 (i.e. fire, police, EMS, security, volunteers, and citizens) are encouraged to attend.

The Oakland County Homeland Security Division coordinates this program. Limited space is available, so make your reservations now!

Go to: oakgov.com/homelandsecurity and click on the Skywarn logo to register or call (248) 858-5300

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

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 - April 29, 2017
Northville Art House presents
IMPRINT - Kate Paul: A Retrospective

Be a pART of it! The Northville Art House is proud to present **IMPRINT - Kate Paul: A Retrospective**, featuring over 40 works, including paintings, etchings, sketches, sculptures, and prose, by Livonia artist, Kate Paul. The exhibition opens with a reception on Friday, April 7, from 6 - 9 p.m. with gallery talk at 7 p.m. and runs through Saturday, April 29, during Art House hours,

Tuesday-Friday 12-5 p.m. and Saturday 12-4 p.m. at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street.

The **Northville Art House** will donate 15% of artwork sales from **IMPRINT** to the *Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance*.

IMPRINT - Kate Paul: A Retrospective is devoted to Livonia artist Kate Paul, whose described style of "Whimsical Surrealism" often reveals a balance between abstraction and representation. The exhibition presents a unique opportunity to study the artist's evolution over the last decade, beginning with her early works, influenced by her background in theatrical scenery painting, and concluding with her final works, transformed by her introspection and perseverance after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2010. Northville Art House Exhibits Director Ryan Kaltenbach brings together more than 50 works, featuring paintings, etchings, sketches, sculptures and prose by this self-taught artist who left an indelible imprint on the regional arts community.

Represented among her early works are *Rock of Ages*, a diptych painting completed in 2007, as well as imagery from *Staircase Mural*, installed at the Royal Oak Public Library in 2009. Later works include the brooding *Rust & Bone* from 2013 and the celestial *Dancing on the Milky Way*, one of her last paintings created in 2016. Also presented are Kate Paul's largely unseen sculptural work, including *Saint Joan of Arc (Jeanne d'Arc)*, sketches and etchings that often served as sources for larger studio paintings, and powerful written prose that reveals her deep-rooted passion to understand, create and live life to the fullest.

April 7



**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!

Participating Galleries

The following galleries, as well as a variety of other boutiques and restaurants, participate each month in the First Friday Experience. Please visit each gallery's website for more information on events taking place at their business.

Dancing Eye Gallery

101 N. Center
(248) 449-7086

[Website](#)

Northville Art House

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](#)

Also Worth Mentioning

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 ~ Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar ~ Celebrity Pets Company ~ Center Street Grille ~ D & D Bicycle & Hockey ~ The Next Chapter Book Store & Bistro ~ Garage Grill & Fuel Bar ~ Gardenviews ~ Joseph's Coney Island ~ Koji ~ Le George ~ Lorla's ~ Lucy and the Wolf ~ Massage Green ~ New Bangkok Cuisine ~ Northville Square ~ Northville Sports Den ~ Orin Jewelers ~ Pear-aphernalia ~ Poole's Tavern ~ Rebecca's Family Restaurant & Ice Cream Parlor ~ Salon Tre Bella V ~ Simply Wine ~ Studio 170 ~ Table 5 ~ The Bee's Knees ~ Tirami Su Ristorante Italiano ~ Tuscan Café ~ Urban Optiques Vision & Eyewear ~ Van Dam's Boutique ~ Wok Asian Bistro

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



Friday, April 7 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 8 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Spring Fling Handcrafters Show
Northville Community Center - 303 W. Main St.

Admission: \$3
12 & Under: Free

The perfect opportunity to experience the senses of spring inside the annual Spring Fling. Stock up on Easter gift, garden art, seasonal décor, fashion and more! [Read more...](#)



Friday, 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. Our primary

source of funding is through our Spring Tree Sale. Proceeds enable us to partner with other natural resource organizations and cooperate with Oakland County

Parks and Recreation and MSU Extension on their projects.

[Order now.](#) Limited quantities available.

Pre-ordered plants must be picked up at the [Waterford Oaks Greenhouse](#) on Saturday, 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 at 1 p.m. Residents are encouraged to go over preparedness plans for tornadoes and other severe weather. [Click here for more information](#).

Wednesday, April 19
State of the Community Luncheon
Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia
11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the annual State of the Community Luncheon

"The State of the Community Luncheon provides an opportunity for residents and the business community to hear from its city, township, and school district officials on the successes of the past year and their future plans for the community," said Jody Humphries, executive director.

Featured speakers include: Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, City of Northville Mayor Ken Roth and Northville School District Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

Reservations may be made by calling the chamber at 248-349-7640 or by e-mail at LindseyButzin@northville.org. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Friday, April 28, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 29, 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.



Registration For Farm Camp At Maybury Farm Is Now Open

This hands-on experience offers a wide variety of activities designed to engage and educate kids about farming. Campers will learn about farm animals, including grooming, feeding and walking them; helping out in the Farm Garden; hiking along our forest trails; team-building games;

crafts and other farm fun. Farm Camp is designed to cultivate joy and wonder in children as they discover the amazing connections they have with animals,

agriculture and farms.

Farm Camp is open to boys and girls ages 5-12 years old. Camp hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 20 until August 17. There will be no camp the week of July 4. The cost is \$165 per three-day week if you sign up before March 31 and \$175 per three-day week thereafter. To register for Farm Camp, please call 248-374-0200 or [visit our website](#). Space is limited so sign up soon.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 8 Mile Rd in Northville. It is 1-1/4 mile west of Beck Road on 8 Mile, 1/2 mile west of Maybury State Park.

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. The Farm offers Farm Tours, story time, Farm Camp, special events, birthday parties, and a fall Corn Maze. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign, do not enter the State Park. For more information, please [visit our website](#) or [Facebook](#).



May 26 Deadline for Submissions

The Northville Art House invites contemporary artists to submit entries to The Graded Wash Juried Watercolor Exhibition to be held from August 2 - 26.

Artists, 18 and over, may submit a maximum of three original works of art in watercolor, gouache, egg tempera and casein on any surface, created within the last two years, and not previously exhibited at the **Northville Art House**. Artists will be competing for \$650 in cash awards and entry selected by our juror, Jill Stefani Wagner, PSA-MP.

The non-refundable entry fee is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Deadline for submissions is May 26. Accepted work will be listed on the Art House website and artists will be notified by email beginning June 12.

[Exhibit information, submission guidelines, and online entry forms can be found at our website](#). For questions, please contact 248-344-0497 or email exhibits@northvillearthouse.org with The Graded Wash as the subject line.

Business

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 emailed 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 here](#) or call 248-449-9901 with questions.

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, is pleased to offer 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.

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