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Meetings

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

Youth Assistance - Tuesday, April 11, 8 a.m. - Northville Community Center - 303 W. Main

Housing Commission - Wednesday, April 12, 6 p.m. - Allen Terrace - 401 High St.

Art Commission - Wednesday, April 12, 7 p.m. - Art House - 215 W. Cady

City Council Budget Session - Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

***Notice: City Hall will be closed on
Friday, April 14, in honor of Easter.***

This Just In...

City Council April 3, 2017 meeting recap

Grace Carpenter alley - This city-owned property was paved by three homeowners who contracted the work without a permit. An opposing group of neighbors say the paved alley poses problems, chiefly speeding and improper drainage onto their properties. In lieu of not having the property storm drain installed and not obtaining a permit to do the work on property that they didn't own, City Manager Pat Sullivan proposed that the group that paved the alley pay a special assessment for a storm sewer to be added to the paved alley, with a deadline for acceptance set for May 1, 2017.

New Hope Center lease extension - The City has agreed to a monthly lease for a short term to occupants of a home at 315 Griswold in Mill Race Village, to allow the group time to move to a new location.

Poole's Tavern plans to expand outdoor patio - The restaurant/bar, which has a 25-year lease with the City, showed architectural/landscaping plans to redo its outdoor seating area. The business owners will replace broken concrete and install sidewalks that match the City's, install a decorative fence and expand the outdoor eating area. In the second phase, the owners will install a glass and steel awning. Phase I plans were approved and phase II will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

2017/2018 budget to be presented to City Council: Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m. and Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m. Both meetings are open to the public.

Up-fitting of police cars - Price quotes, without a formal RFP, were accepted from four vendors to up-fit two new patrol car by transferring reusable equipment from the original cars and doing a safety inspection. The council agreed to give the bid to Cruisers, which are the current outfitters.

[See meeting video here.](#)

Part III of a series

Neighborhood Associations host social activities for neighbors

Neighborhood associations aren't just all work and no play. There's typically a board member who's in charge of social events in the neighborhood. Having summer parties and holiday events build a greater sense of community. People get to know

their neighbors - not just those who live next door but those who are several blocks over or in a separate condo building.

"We don't want to be a neighborhood where people just drive into their garage, shut the door and you don't see them again," said Dan Wegienka, president of Pheasant Hills Homeowners' Association.

"When you're social," Wegienka said, "people aren't as reluctant to volunteer because they know their neighbors better and are more inclined to help." As a case in point, they held a get-together at the Northville Sports Den in the fall and 50 people showed up. Of those who attended, two signed up to be on the board.



He recalled that a home caught on fire in Fall 2016 and the whole house will have to be torn down due to smoke and water damage. "People chipped in and contributed to the Northville Community Foundation. They gave the family a check to help cover the costs that insurance didn't cover."

Social events seek to draw all ages

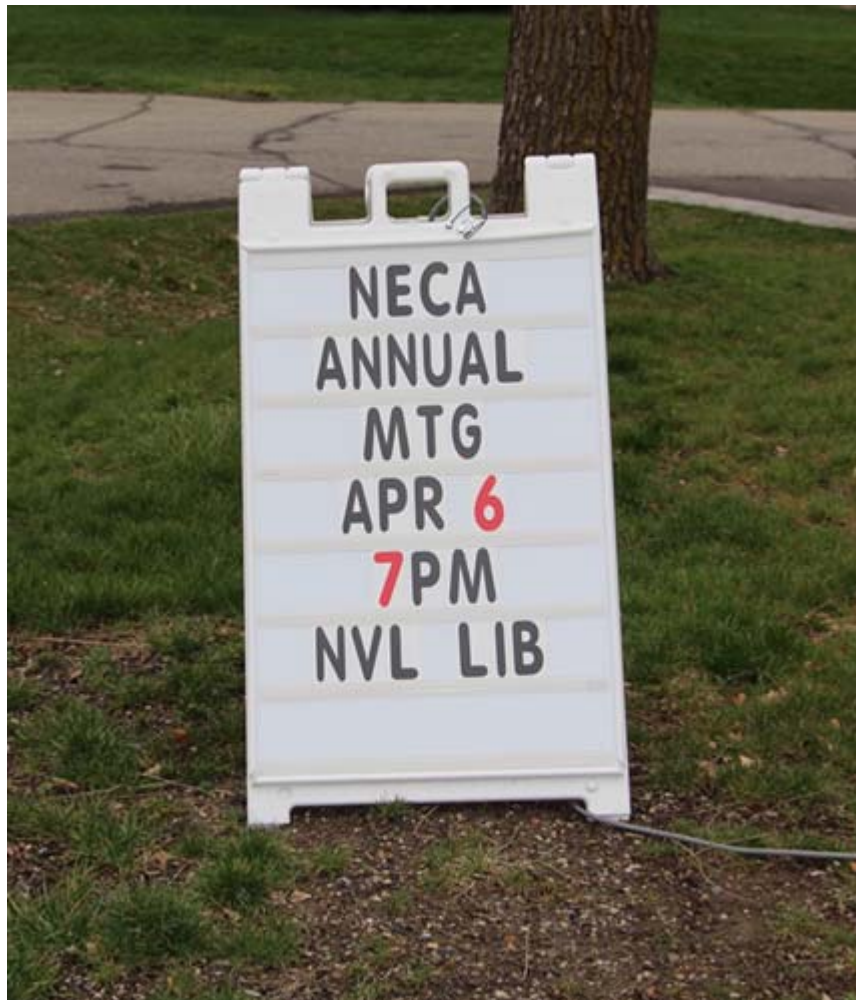
One Saturday a month, from September through April, neighbors in Northville Estates gather at someone's home in the subdivision to play Euchre. There's typically four tables of four. Each month, 10 to 15 neighbors attend the First Friday event in downtown Northville. They meet at a local eatery, such as North Center Brewing, Northville Sports Den, and Red Dot coffee shop, and spend an hour together before heading to the galleries, concerts and retail stores.

Neighborhood garage sales, such as the one held annually in Northville Estates, not only sell used goods but foster friendship and fun.

In September, Northville Estates holds its annual picnic in someone's backyard. The neighborhood has a country feel to it, without curbs or sidewalks. The homes are on heavily treed, half-acre lots. With few fences, the yards run together like a lush green landscape.

At the picnic, rented tables and chairs are assembled to seat about 100 people. Kids have a crafts table and jump around in a bounce house. Guests nosh on burgers and hot dogs and the rest is a feast of 30 to 40 pot luck dishes. The association allocates \$800 for the annual event, now in its fourth year.

Chuck Murdock, a retired engineer, heads the Northville Estates Homeowners' Association, serves on the Northville Youth Assistance Commission, the Historic District Commission, and is an active volunteer with the library, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Friends of Maybury. He likes the small-town feel of Northville and does his part to keep it that way. His wife Andrea is also very active in town.



Greeting new neighbors

Abbey Knoll residents, through the association, make a special effort to welcome new neighbors by giving them a directory and a gift card to a local establishment.

Some Abbey Knoll residents organize neighborhood parties in the winter and block parties in the summer. "It's good to reach out and get to know the neighbors," said Bob Krestel, immediate past president of the Abbey Knoll Homeowner's Association. "We used to do a strolling dinner around Christmas time, but there's not much interest anymore."



Krestel likes his neighborhood so much that when he moved out of state, he and his wife knew they wanted to buy again in the subdivision when they returned.

"We think it's a wonderful community. We've got good schools. It's safe. And we like the quaint downtown. There's a lot of walkers in our neighborhood and many walk to downtown."

Easter egg hunts and pool parties

In the Lexington Commons Association, there is an Easter egg hunt this weekend where eggs are hidden in the commons park. It brings together the two condo associations (north and south) and the homeowners' portion of the neighborhood.

"It's a nice, family friendly neighborhood. A lot of neighbors are friends. Sometimes they have a progressive dinner," said Todd Farmer, Lexington Commons HOA president.



Farmer likes living in Northville, "What is there not to love? I'm so happy to be here. Everybody is so friendly and nice when you walk around downtown. It's a great place for the family."

Neighboring Lexington Condo Homes Association holds an annual party, in addition to other social events. For the past five to six years, they have had a pool party in July or August.

Many of the condos back up against the woods or the Randolph drain, a narrow river that cuts through the property, which provides a scenic setting for outdoor events.

When neighbors work together on issues that matter to their households and also take the time to socialize, it creates a closer-knit community, which is what many residents like about living in Northville.

Northville Youth Assistance is accepting applications for volunteer mentors

If you've always wanted to assist a youth who needs guidance, this is your chance to serve as a positive role model. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age and be able to meet with their mentee once a week, whenever possible, for at least one year. Mentors typically take the youth on an outing or spend time with them one-on-one, with the goal of developing a trusting relationship with a non-family adult.

Spring mentor training will take place at the Northville Community Center on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. April 12, 19 and 26 and May 3 and 10. After 10 hours of training, mentors are matched with a young person in the community. If interested, contact Sue Campbell at 248-344-1618.

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 is offering a 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 a way to settle old court financial obligations and pay the original amount of the ticket. The program will run through Friday, April 28, 2017. For more information, please contact the court at 734-459-4740 or [visit the Reference Desk of the City of Northville website](#).

We need your input on the City of Northville website

The City of Northville's Communications Department is conducting a survey of visitors to our website. In 2017, the website will undergo a facelift with a new look and format that will make it easy to view on any device.

The new website will still contain the information that you rely on to conduct business with the City. It will continue to provide news regarding City services, City Council, professional staff, business leaders, key volunteers, community happenings, meetings, events and more.

To help us ensure that the new website meets your needs, [please complete the survey](#). It only takes a few minutes to complete. Plus, it's totally anonymous, unless you choose to include your name in a comment box. After you take it, please ask a friend or neighbor to take it too.

Events / Things to Do



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 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

Mon., April 10

Orion Center

Wed., April 12

Southfield Public Library

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. [Go to our website](#) and click on the Skywarn logo to register or call 248-858-5300



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*.



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](#)

Many restaurants and business support the First Friday Experience and are open until at least 8 p.m. 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 ~ Lora'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.



Northville Historical Society
2017 Victorian Clothing Sale

Thursday, April 20th	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday, April 21	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 22	11:00 AM - 3:00 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 various vendors. New, vintage and gently used clothing available.

- \$2.00 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 am-1 pm) or [visit our website](#).

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

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

Every Tuesday, year-round, a crew will come through each neighborhood and collect branches 6 feet long and up to 6 inches in diameter that are placed at the curb with cut ends facing the street. Residents may have to rake up small branches after the large brush piles are removed

The City cannot take 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).

Sewage backups

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system and want to file a claim with the City, please [check our website for details](#) or call 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.

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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