



April 27, 2017

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Meetings

City Council - Monday, May 1, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Beautification Commission - Monday, May 1, 8 a.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Planning Commission - Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Board of Zoning Appeals - Wednesday, May 3, 7:30 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

This Just In...

Take-Back Day on April 29 provides an easy way to get rid of unwanted

prescription drugs



The Northville Police Department will have a collection box for prescription drugs that are expired, unused or not needed during the 13th Annual National Take-Back Initiative Day on Sat., April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Police Department lobby at 215 West Main St. (lower level of City Hall).

The event is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The program will not accept any liquids or needles. All drugs collected will be destroyed. No paperwork is required; simply come into the lobby and place unwanted medication in the collection bin.

According to the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.4 million Americans aged 12 and over - 2.4 percent of the population - abuse prescription drugs. The majority report obtaining drugs from friends and family, including from home medicine cabinets. Overdoses from all drugs are now the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States, eclipsing deaths from motor vehicle crashes or firearms, according to the DEA.

This event provides a good reason to clean out your medicine chest, drawers and cabinets and get rid of medication that is no longer needed. Medications that lower high cholesterol, treat diabetes, or regulate heart conditions, such as angina, can cause poisoning in young children who accidentally ingest them. Teens may be attracted to opioids. By safely disposing of drugs, you help prevent accidental ingestion by children, teens and pets in your home.

Typical ways of drug disposal - either flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the garbage - are not recommended due to environmental risks.

For this event, there is a parking lot on the south side of the building, with limited space, and plenty of street parking. For more information, please contact the Northville Police Department at 248-305-2715

**Volunteers and sponsors needed to help
produce Northville's 150th anniversary
celebration**

The City of Northville is celebrating its 150th anniversary since its founding as a village in 1867. In 2025, it will celebrate 200 years as a settlement. To commemorate this special occasion, there will be special events during the Heritage Festival, Sept. 15-17, which will include tours of historic homes, presentations and much more. If you'd like to be involved as a volunteer or sponsor, please contact the City manager's office at 248-449-9905.



Silver Springs water delights residents and travelers

Did you know? A bit of Northville history.



*A pop bottle from Silver Springs Bottling company.
Photo by Liz Cezat.*

Bottled water ranges from cheap to chic. For a period of about 60 years - from the early 1920s until the mid 1980s - Northville had a special source of spring water on the northeast side of Seven Mile Road and Northville Road.

"You could look at the spring. It was bubbling like crazy," recalled Bruce Turnbull, Northville historian.

Trains coming into Northville, enroute from Toledo to Saginaw, stopped at the Northville Depot, which was on the east side of the tracks. Passengers would scramble over to the west side to get fresh, pure water from the spring. The train operator made sure there was always Silver Spring water in the dining car, with a sign stating, "We serve only Northville Silver Springs water."

Located nearby was Silver Springs Bottling Works, which was in business for decades. It bottled water from the spring in five-gallon jugs, which were transported to parts of Michigan and to thriving businesses, including the J.L. Hudson Store and the General Motors building.

The bottling company also used the pure spring water to make pop. Its Silver Springs pop was developed before Coca-Cola, but had a competitor in Vernors ginger ale. Bruce would go down to the local gas station at 7 Mile and Rogers and buy the pop to drink with his friends.

The well eventually went dry, taking with it the cool, refreshing thrill of drinking some of the purest water around. The closed spring is part of the street-side Rotary Park, just north of the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

This article was written from Northville District Library archives and an interview with Bruce Turnbull, an expert on Northville history.

City of Northville seeks citizen volunteer for Housing Commission seat

If you want to give back to the community as a volunteer, 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 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.](#)

What needs to be improved 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



Through 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*.

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.



**Thursday, May 4
Farmers' Market
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Next Thursday marks the opening of the 2017 Northville Farmers' Market at the northwest corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon Rd. This feast for the eyes offers a bounty of delicious, locally-sourced food for your table from farmers and merchants who sell at the market.

There's something for everyone. Visitors will enjoy more than 70 stalls of Michigan-

made and Michigan-grown products. Gardeners can shop for plants and flowers to get their gardens growing. Many enjoy strolling by booths of fine juried crafters, garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking and home accessories.

Master gardeners are available to answer your gardening questions each Thursday until noon.

There is parking on site, with overflow parking at the Northville Downs Race Track, across from the market.

For more information about the Farmers' Market, please contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or [visit our website](#).



Friday, May 5
First Friday Experience
5 - 9 p.m.

Join us in Downtown Northville on the First Friday of each month for a special shopping, dining and artistic experience!

Our retailers stay open late and showcase new products and special trunk shows and offer limited time exclusive items or sales.

Downtown galleries showcase new exhibits, artists and pieces - often premiering them especially for the First Friday. And don't forget the restaurants of Northville. Always great destinations, the bars and restaurants of Northville feature a wide-selection of cuisine from sushi and Mediterranean to American and Italian cuisine.

Plan a date, get together with a group of friends and don't miss out on First Fridays in Northville.

Saturday, May 6
Gently Used Clothing for Northville Civic Concern and Vista Maria's shelter
10 a.m. - noon

The Northville Kiwanis Club and Northville Township are holding a used clothing drive at Northville Township Hall, on the corner of Sheldon and Six Mile Roads.

Northville Civic Concern serves the Northville Community, providing clothing, food and household goods to low-income residents. Vista Maria provides shelter to girls and women rescued from human trafficking situations. They need age-appropriate clothing for girls age 12 and older and young women as they transition back into normal lives.

As you clean out your closets for spring, please consider bagging up clean unused clothing and bringing it to the parking lot in front of the Northville Township Hall on the southwest corner of Sheldon and Six Mile Roads. If you can, please label the bags as female, male or mixed.

You can also bring donations of canned and boxed goods for Civic Concern. Please, no expired or perishable foods.

For information, please contact: Fred Shadko fshadko@twp.northville.mi.us or Margie Banner mbanner@twp.northville.mi.us



Thursday, May 11 4 - 10 p.m.
Friday, May 12 4 - 11 p.m.
Saturday, May 13 1 - 11 p.m.
Sunday, May 14 1 - 9 p.m.
Spring Carnival

Times are subject to change due to weather
Located at Northville Downs

Admission to the Midway is free! Individual tickets \$1. Ride an unlimited number of rides for just \$12 per person, per day when you purchase a wristband online before May 10 at 11:55 p.m.

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

Unlimited ride wristband purchase at carnival:

Thursday: \$15 wristband

Friday: \$18 wristband

Saturday-Sunday: \$20 wristband

[Northville Chamber of Commerce](#) 248-349-7640



Saturday, May 13
U.S. Postal Day Food Drive

Volunteer on site at Northville Civic Concern parking lot from 11:30 - 6 p.m. Rain or Shine! Come when you can, leave when you must. If you cannot join us, **please leave unexpired, bagged food items by your mailbox or on your porch for pick-up.** Letter Carriers and our drivers will begin pick-up around 11 a.m. and go through the day. For more information, please call the office at 248-344-1033 and leave a message.



Registration for Maybury Farm Camp 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. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 20 until Aug. 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 tours, story time, special events, and birthday parties. For more information, please [visit our website](#) or [Facebook](#).



Saturday, May 20
Volunteers needed for Rouge Rescue -
Make the Rouge Paddle-able!
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

7 Mile at Hines Drive

Take part in native planting, invasive plant removal, woody debris management and clean up. Come alone or bring family members and friends.

Sign in at the pavilion (Shelter #1 @ Northville Recreation Area in Hines Park). Park at the pavilion or at the former McDonald Ford site on 7 Mile Road, across from Custard Time and Good Time Party Store.

[Sign up to volunteer](#) (200 needed)

The site coordinator is John P. Kelly, 248-348-0496 or john@kellykellylaw.com
[Read more...](#)



Friday, 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

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 \$2.00)

E-Checks: Flat Fee of \$3.00, up to \$10,000 or Flat Fee of \$10.00, anything over \$10,000

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 that includes name, address, city, zip code and phone number with area code for a DTE representative to contact you within 3 business days.

Village Workshop offers students and teachers a 50% discount on summer membership



Summer vacation will take on new meaning with a membership at the Village Workshop, which provides vast space, high-tech tools and standard equipment to tinker and create new items for personal use or for the marketplace. For three months only - June-August, the Village Workshop is offering students and teachers 50% off the regular monthly rate - \$50 per month/\$150 for the summer. Plus, if you pre-pay for the entire three months, Village Workshop will waive the \$39 one-time activation fee. You can also sign up for only one to two monthly sessions at the discounted rate, but the activation fee will apply.

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.

For safety sake we 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).

Collection crews will not rake up small branches after the large brush piles are removed. Residents may have to rake these areas after bulk brush collection has been made.

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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