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Meetings

Parks & Recreation - Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m. - Township Hall

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This Just In...

City Council Recap May 15, 2017

Citizens comments - Callista Milroy, of 1056 Allen Drive, said she is organizing volunteers to pull invasive garlic mustard plant from the banks of the Rouge River near Novi Road and 8 Mile as part of the May 20 Rouge River Clean-up. Volunteers will be rewarded for their efforts at a block street potluck following the clean-up from 9 a.m. to noon. If interested, contact Callista at 248-496-8426 or c.a.milroy64@gmail.com. (Note: Garlic mustard plants should be discarded in the

trash not with compost.) See flier in the events section.

Budget - City Council approved the fiscal year 2018 budget, which begins July 1, 2017, as presented by Finance Director Sandi Wiktorowski. There were no public comments.

First reading of "lot size" ordinance - Residents whose property backs up to an alley cannot use a portion of the alley in their calculations for lot size. (Article 18, general provisions) Currently, owners can add up to one-half of the alley size for lot area requirements. This figure is used as a basis for building or remodeling a home. The ordinance will have a second reading (and potential approval) at an upcoming meeting.

Sidewalk ordinance - City Council adopted an ordinance that prevents sidewalks on construction sites from being closed or obstructed for more than 90 days. This and seven other amendments were added to Chapter 74 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article 3.

Liquor licenses were approved for the following restaurants:

- **Browndog** for use on its front platform at 120 E. Main St.
- **Lucy & The Wolf** for use on its front platform at 102 E. Main St.

A 2013 road condition report will be updated by Spalding Dedecker, which was granted a \$6,700 contract.

Pavex Corp. of Livonia was chosen as the low-bidder at \$160,066 to complete work on two City streets this summer and add a crosswalk across from Kroger. The paving projects are on High Street, from West Main to West Dunlap; and Elmsmere, from East Chigwidden to Coldspring. The roads will be repaved and new curbs and sidewalks will be installed.

The City-sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Program will be held in September using EQ Industrial Services, the same contractor that did City of Livonia's event in April. That event was also open to Northville (City and township) residents - part of an ongoing collaboration in collecting hazardous waste.

The City entered a Memorandum of Understanding with the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner to pay 1.5 percent of the operating and maintenance costs for its metered flow rate through the Huron-Rouge Sewage Disposal System (HRSDS) at Novi Road near 8 Mile. In addition, the City will pay into a major maintenance fund for the pipe and an emergency reserve fund.

Of note (Consent agenda) - Board appointments approved

The City Council approved three appointments to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Two vacancies will be filled by Robert Miller through 9/30/20, and Natalie Kneifel through 9/30/19. Meanwhile, Aaron Cozart was appointed to serve through 9/30/21 to replace Linda Heaton, who is retiring from the board in September. The City Council appointed Jerome (Jerry) Mittman to serve on the

Housing Commission, through 9/15/19. (He requested to serve on an interim basis, fulfilling the term if no other citizen volunteer seeks the seat.)

New recreation supervisor embraces Northville's community-focused culture



Shannon Coker and Kayley Dahring (far right) review the catalogue of events for Northville Parks and Recreation department.

Photo by Liz Cezat

Shannon Coker is the new recreation supervisor-operations at Northville Parks and Recreation. Her role includes administrative functions, overseeing customer service, marketing, working with registration/program software, handling finances and online payments, and special event programming.

When Shannon was in elementary school she would develop team sports schedules for her father, who was the parks and recreation director of Allen Park.

"To me, it was fun. It was a game," she said. "I didn't realize he was teaching me at the time."

Shannon earned a B.A. in Elementary Education from Saginaw Valley State University. She started working as a reading interventionist in the Fitzgerald Public School district, but found teaching to be emotionally challenging - "I wanted to save all the little kids."

One of the first special events at her Northville job was the Eggstravaganza at Maybury Farm - a joint effort with the Northville Community Foundation, Friends of Maybury and Maybury State Park.

"It was fun to see all the animals out and about. It started with rain, but the day turned out to be beautiful. I got to meet a lot of our community partners. It was nice to see there are so many people in Northville who are able to work together for a common cause, the community."

Shannon wants to bring in fresh, new events. Her experience at Pittsfield Township and Canton Township (Leisure Services) recreation departments now help her manage recreation operations in Northville, from registration to having well-run programs and events.

She credits her organizational skills for staying focused on her many responsibilities.

Customer service is a priority for her and the department. She brings a strong work ethic to the job. Her goals are to set the bar higher for operations and impart great customer service. She also develops policies to ensure operations run smoothly.

"The community wants to be a part of recreation," she noted. "Events put on by the DDA and the chamber draw a lot of people. There is so much going on in Northville - it's good to be part of it."

Shannon loves that Northville has many businesses in old homes. She also likes the abundance of parks and looks forward to bringing new events to Northville.

Shannon lives in Whitmore Lake with husband Tyler Coker, and baby daughter, Zaylee.

Part of the "Did you know?" series

What the prom was like in the olden days

Memories of Bruce Turnbull

Then, like now, the prom was the social event highlight of the year. The high school kids attended the Old Village School on W. Main Street and the prom was held in the gym. Parents could pay 25¢ to climb the stairs to the running track above the gym and look down on their children and their dates.

Back then, boys wore suits to the prom. When walking downtown one day, Bruce Turnbull saw a tuxedo in a shop window and thought that he should buy it and wear it to the prom.

The only problem was the tuxedo, which had really nice cuffs, cost \$24. He was

determined to get the money. When he heard his father complain about the work involved with the chickens they kept in a coop in their backyard, Bruce decided to sell them.

His dad was not consulted. Bruce put 24 hens into six gunny sacks and took them downtown where the butcher said he would buy them. He got about 24 cents a pound for the chickens and his mother made up the difference in the cost of the tuxedo.

Bruce, now 97, still remembers how the orchestral music played by a five-piece band floated around the gym in a luxurious embrace. As class president in 1937, he led the dance march that began at 11 p.m. through the gym. He felt a bit self-conscious in his new tuxedo, but was glad he bought it.

When his father learned what Bruce had done, he said, "Bruce you sold my chickens and you can't use the car all summer." Bruce recalled, "To me, it was worth it to get the tuxedo."

The City staff wishes Northville High School kids a fun and safe time at this year's prom, on May 25 at the Suburban Collection.

Tennis Anyone?



Learn the exciting game of tennis with our Pro, Todd Beyer, and staff. Classes range from Adult Beginner - Adult Advanced. We also have Adult Doubles play. [Check out Northville Parks & Recreation website for information regarding registration, classes, times and fees.](#)

Events / Things to Do



Photo by Liz Cezat (from 2016)

**Every Thursday through October
Farmers' Market
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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 are more than 70 stalls of Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products. Shoppers can visit booths of fine juried crafters and vendors selling garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking and home accessories.

Gardeners can shop for plants and flowers to get their gardens growing. Master gardeners are available to answer gardening questions until noon.

The Farmers' Market is held at the northwest corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon Rd, with on-site parking and additional parking at Northville Downs, across from the market.

For more information, please contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Friends of the ROUGE



Save the Date

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Allen Drive Park

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bird House • Building & Painting

Free T-Shirt • Invasive

Weed Pulling • Trash Removal



Followed by the Neighborhood Potluck

Callie's 1056 Allen Drive, Northville, MI

RSVP calliesgardens@gmail.com



NORTHVILLE ROTARY PRESENTS



ROUGE RESCUE

with
FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE

9:00AM
TO
1:00PM

SATURDAY,
MAY
20
2017



Hines Park at River Street and Seven Mile Road

THE RIVER NEEDS YOU!



- Help make the Rouge River paddle-able for kayaks and canoes!
- Volunteer to remove invasive plants, pick up trash and woody debris!
- Help the environment, help the community and **HAVE FUN!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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Through May 20
18th Annual Student Art Exhibit
Northville Art House

The **18th Annual Student Art Exhibit** features

more than 50 two-dimensional and three-dimensional works of art in various mediums from talented middle and high school students from Northville, Novi and surrounding schools. In its 18th year, this exhibit at the Northville Art House is held in collaboration with local art educators to promote the appreciation and importance of art among the community's youth. All students participating in this all-media juried exhibit will receive recognition for their efforts, including awards and prizes given for outstanding works of art.

The exhibition runs through May 20 during Art House hours, Tuesday-Friday 12-5 p.m. and Saturday 12-4 p.m.



PTA REFLECTIONS

Northville's Pre-K - 12th grade students who advanced to the Michigan PTA Reflections program will be recognized for their artistic expression of "What's Your Story?" on May 25 from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady. Their artwork will be on display at the Art House from May 23-26.

The National PTA Reflections - Northville Public Schools

Reception: Thursday, May 25, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Northville Art House

Display: May 23 - 26

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The National PTA Reflections celebrates the work of young artists who compete in this annual event in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and the visual arts. Northville's state 2017 Reflections winners are listed on the [Michigan PTA website](#).



Wednesday, May 24

Northville Historical Society Lecture Series ~ Metro Detroit Interurban Train System

Mill Race Village - Old School Church - 7 p.m.

About a century ago, southeast Michigan had a mass transit system in the interurban electric streetcar. For nearly 30 years, from 1899 to 1928, commuters throughout the region - from Ann Arbor to Detroit enjoyed the efficient, economical and comfortable ride of the interurban. One of the stops of this system was Northville. This lecture focuses on this transportation system, how it developed and why it ended. Lectures

are free and open to the public. [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.



Friday, May 26 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, May 27 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Annual Flower Sale

Spring is here, it is time to think about ways to fill your garden and yard with beautiful flowers and plants from Northville's 30th Annual Flower Sale.

Many of our Farmer Market growers and greenhouses will be selling ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, shrubs, exotic plants, and garden accessories.

For more information contact, the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Saturday, May 27 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Main Street Block Party

After the flower sale, stay downtown for great food, live music and dancing in the streets.



Monday, May 29
Memorial Day Parade
10 a.m. step-off

Join the VFW Post 4012 and American Legion Post 147 in honoring our fallen heroes. The parade steps off from Main and Griswold at 10 a.m. sharp. The parade continues west down Main to south on Wing to West on Cady to south on First to enter Rural Hill Cemetery

where there will be a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial. A 50 flag salute honoring our Veterans will be at the entrance to Rural Hill.

Tuesday, June 6
Northville's Annual Old Timers Luncheon
Genitti's - 108 E. Main St.

11 a.m., doors open, 11:30 a.m. lunch
12:30 -1:30 Northville History Presentation
\$15 per person (RSVP to Genitti's 248-349-0522)
Send checks to Genitti's or pay at the door.

After lunch, in the adjacent theater, there will be a presentation by Lloyd Bruce Trumbull, Northville historian and raconteur. Bruce was born on Oct. 7, 1919 above his father's Northville Electric Shop, where his father did most of the original wiring and electrical for many homes between Northville and Howell. Bruce graduated from Northville High in 1937, married his high school sweetheart, and became a leader in the community. There are published books of his walking tours and his stories of the early years. At age 97, he still lives in his home in downtown Northville.



Monday, June 12 ~ Registration
deadline is June 1

Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing
Northville Hills Golf Course
9 a.m. shotgun start

The annual [Northville Chamber Golf Classic](#) offers a day of networking and golf at one of the Chamber member golf courses. It is one of the Chamber's main fundraising events.

Outing Highlights:

- Bloody Mary welcome reception
 - Two beverage tickets
 - Hot dog lunch at the turn
 - Buffet dinner and awards ceremony
 - On the course contests and games include: Skins, Mulligans, Winner's Squares, Beat the Pro's Shot
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Presented by: **Dick Scott**
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SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017
NOON - 6:00PM

MILLENNIUM PARK
45769 W. 6 MILE, NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

TICKET COST \$30

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ADMISSION TO EVENT

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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 Aug. 31. For the winter tax bill you designate the date of payment as either Dec. 31 or Feb. 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 Dec. 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.

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

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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