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City Council recap June 19, 2017

Citizens comments - Callista Milroy, of 1056 Allen Drive, reported that 26 people volunteered to pull invasive garlic mustard plant from the banks of the Rouge River near Novi Road and 8 Mile as part of the Rouge River Clean-up on May 20. The volunteers filled 42 bags with this invasive plant and celebrated with a block party lunch afterwards. (Note: Garlic mustard plants should not be composted.)

A proclamation was presented to the Beautification Commission (BC) in recognition of the group's 50th anniversary. Diane Pittaway, chairperson, received the proclamation and gave a brief presentation on the history of the group. As a thank-you to the community, the BC members offered cake and coffee to the City Council and guests following the meeting.

Kathleen Ripley Leo announced that the Daughters of the American colonists will place a historical marker in Oakwood Cemetery. The cemetery is the resting place of 421 citizens, many of whom were prominent citizens of Northville as well as veterans. A ceremony will be held at the cemetery at a later date.

Ordinance amendments:

- First reading of an amendment dealing with the amount of space that can be dedicated on a residential property for a driveway. It calls for a minimum of 65 percent of a single-family home's front yard to be unpaved.
- First reading of clarifications to the site plan review process, noting when a
 formal site plan review is necessary by the Planning Commission and when/if
 an administrative site plan review is necessary by City staff, planning
 commission chair and consultants. It also extends preliminary plan approval
 or final site approval if the applicant shows good cause.
- First reading of a business zoning amendment that does not allow use of an adjourning alley as part of the calculation for property coverage.
- An amendment to the sidewalk café and outdoor seating ordinance was adopted by Council to allow liquor to be served at cafes on Sunday beginning at 10 a.m., consistent with the operating start time Monday through Saturday.

Liquor license change granted

Brian Maiorana, owner of Main Street Hospitality, received approval for a Class C liquor license (reclassified from a transferred license) in advance of renovating the old Riffles building at 160 Main, which is also the namesake of the new Sicilian restaurant to open at that site later this year.

Beck Road travelers ... watch for construction

Beck Road repaying and shoulder work starts Monday, June 26, at 7 a.m. Southbound traffic will be open on Beck Road between 8 and 9 Mile during road construction; the northbound lane will be detoured to Novi Road, from 8 to 10 Mile.

The road will be widened for a center turn at 9 Mile Road, extending for ½ mile south. Other work includes installing a concrete curb & gutter, ramps, an aggregate base and guardrail, plus making drainage improvements. The work should be completed in late August.

The nearly \$1.7 million project is being funded by the City of Novi and the federal government, with the City of Northville being assessed \$70,000 for the east portion of Beck Road between 8 Mile and 8-1/2 Mile.

MDOT is overseeing the project and Florence Cement Company is the contractor. Click here for regular updates on this project.

Events / Things to Do



The Farmers' Market has flowers, produce and Michigan-made products and crafts.

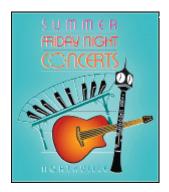
Every Thursday through October Farmers' Market 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Shop for fresh, locally sourced produce and top-quality cheese, fish, jam, baked goods and other edibles from farmers and merchants. There are more than 70 stalls of Michiganmade and Michigan-grown products. In addition, fine juried crafters and vendors sell 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.



Friday, June 23
Friday Night Concert Series
Town Square (Located on Main Street across from the Marquis Theatre)
7 - 9 p.m.

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square every Friday night. Enjoy jazz, blues, rock 'n roll, Motown and

more. Click here for a schedule of performances.



Through June 30:

Confluence: Mixed Media Fiber Art by
Jennifer Gould & Boisali Biswas
Northville Art House Exhibit

Be a pART of it! The Northville Art House is proud to present *Confluence:* Mixed Media Fiber Art by Jennifer Gould & Boisali Biswas. *Confluence* merges the talented world of two Michigan artists who weave their own observations, themes and conceptions into extraordinary fiber art using both traditional and contemporary materials and techniques.

Jennifer Gould studies, experiments and is fascinated with textiles in all their varied forms. Influenced by nature, abstract and non-objective shapes, and wild colors, her pieces involve a wide diversity of techniques combined with unusual fabrics. Gould creates unique wall-hung and freestanding textiles as well as textile figures to express her place in the world.

Boisali Biswas comes from India, a country with a rich heritage of art and culture. She has a deep-rooted attachment to the traditional art forms of her native country and owes a part of her stylization to India's captivating traditional patterns and the rich array of colors. Biswas combines Western styles and techniques with ethnic arts from around the world to create a multicultural 'canvas' of fiber assemblages, art quilts, and wallpaper weavings.

Both artists have presented in galleries and received awards in exhibitions statewide and around the country.

The exhibition runs through June 30 during Art House hours, Tuesday-Friday, 12 - 5 p.m. and Saturday, 12 - 4 p.m.



Every Sunday
Sundays at Mill Race Village ~
Buildings open for the season
1 - 4 p.m.

Every Sunday in the summer, the historic buildings at Mill Race Village are open to the public with docents that tell the history of the building and answer questions. Admission is free. Stroll the beautiful grounds, bring a picnic lunch and check out the General Store.



Tuesday, June 27 Tunes on Tuesday Children's Concert Series Town Square (Located on Main Street

across from the Marquis Theatre) 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Janet Marie & m'Archibald - Imagine That! \sim Children's Theater of Michigan uses music and story, imagination and audience participation to nuture those family traditions and create those lasting memories. Concerts are free and open to the public.

In the event of rain, the performance will be held at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Theatre (108 East Main, Northville).



Participating Breweries:







































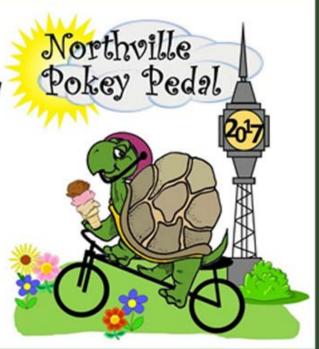






Hop on your bike and join your neighbors for a leisurely ride through the Northville community!

- Slow-paced bike ride; suitable for all ages and skill levels
- Explore the community, including Maybury State Park
- Ice Cream!*
- Register for a single ride or any combination including all six!
- Check-in for each ride starts one hour prior to the scheduled event, in the parking lot of the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School
- Registration begins May 15th



Register @ northvilleparksandrec.org

\$3 per person

(each week, as many weeks as you want!)

*Wristbands good for \$4 towards
ice cream, custard or frozen yogurt
at each week's sponsor on the day of
or day after the event.

Thu June 8 6 pm Brown Dog Creamery

Sun June 25 2 pm Custard Time Mon July 10 6 pm Yogurt Palooza

Wed July 26 6 pm Fred's Ice Cream

Sat Aug 12 2 pm Fred's Ice Cream



Northville's Pokey Pedal is brought to you by Northville Parks & Recreation and Maybury State Park (through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources)











July 10

June 8

June 25

Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day Parade Downtown Northville Parade steps off at 10 a.m.



Enjoy the parade as a spectator or participant

Kids: decorate your bike and join the Children's Bike Parade! No need to preregister-- just come to the NW parking lot at 7 Mile and Sheldon (Center St.) at 9:15am on July 4th to join in on the FUN!

Our judges will select a winner for Best Decorated Girl's Bike and Best Decorated Boy's Bike and each winner will be awarded a \$50 gift card courtesy of Northville Meijer.

Make your pet a part of the celebration-- join the Pet Parade. All pets are welcome (even your fish, lizard or snake).

There is no need to pre-register for the Pet Parade, just pick up a parking pass at Meadowbrook or Breckenridge Veterinary beginning June 4 to participate.



Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day Activities Mill Race Village (215 Griswold) 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Come over to Mill Race Village after the parade for a look at a Independence day activities from a by-gone era. Family-friendly, free and open to the public.



Wednesday, July 12 Country Garden Club of Northville Annual Garden Walk 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tour six beautiful gardens in the Northville area and enjoy refreshments at historic Mill Race Village. Tickets in advance are \$12 and available at Gardenviews (127 E. Main Street) or online.

Tickets available the day of the walk at Mill Race Village for \$15

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Business

Scheduling online inspections

Contractors and homeowners in the City of Northville may schedule inspections using the new <u>online inspection portal</u>. 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 <u>sign up online</u> 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.

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, <u>please check our website for details</u> 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.
- 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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