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June 29, 2017

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City offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Meetings

Beautification Commission - Monday, July 3, 8 a.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Note date: City Council - Wednesday, July 5, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Note Location: Board of Zoning Appeals - Wednesday, July 5, 7 p.m. - Lower Level Meeting Room - City Hall

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This Just In...

Use of fireworks on the 4th of July holiday



The Independence Day holiday is the busiest time of the year for the use of fireworks. The State of Michigan allows the sale and use of consumer-grade fireworks, such as roman candles, bottle rockets and other aerial explosives. For Independence Day, state law allows personal displays to be set off from 8 a.m. to midnight on July 3, 4 and 5. It prohibits municipalities from banning their use on federal holidays and one day before and after those holidays.

It is unlawful to ignite fireworks on public property, school grounds, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission. Violation carries a \$500 fine. Also, it is a misdemeanor for a person to use fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The penalty is 30 days in prison, a fine of \$500, or both.

Fireworks law has drawn citizen objections

Many residents have complained about the state's restrictions governing the fireworks ordinance in the City of Northville. If you are interested in changing the laws regarding local control of fireworks, please contact your state representative or state senator. If you don't know who they are, [find out on this website](#).

The current fireworks law, P.A. 256, went into effect on Jan. 1, 2012. An amendment in 2013 allows local municipalities to set their own restrictions on fireworks usage, except during the day and evening hours of federal holidays and the day before and after the holiday.

[You can read the "Michigan Fireworks Safety Act" here.](#)

"Please be considerate of your neighbors if you plan to set off fireworks," said Northville Mayor Ken Roth, "Many residents are particularly sensitive to the noise from fireworks' explosions. The noise carries for blocks and can be disturbing to many veterans, children, the elderly and even pets."

If you are buying fireworks, make sure the seller has a certification from the Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. See the [LARA website](#) for a list of sellers. Buyers must be 18 years or older.

Enjoy the fireworks in a safe setting

The Northville City Fire Department, which serves the Cities of Northville and Plymouth, urges residents who are using or viewing personal displays of fireworks to follow precautions for their own safety and to prevent fires.

"You really can't be too careful when it comes to handling fireworks" said Fire Chief Steve Ott. "According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks were responsible for an estimated 15,600 fires in the U.S. during 2013, and in 2014, U.S. hospital emergency rooms saw an estimated 10,500 people for fireworks-related injuries."

The Fire Department offers the following tips to help reduce the risk of fires and personal injury from fireworks:

- Be observant of any fireworks you use and know where they are going. Watch for the debris and any fires that may result.
- An adult should be present when fireworks are used. No child should be allowed to set off a firework.
- Sparklers burn very hot. Don't let a young child hold a sparkler.
- Ignite fireworks away from any houses, garages or other structures that could catch fire if the firework or its residual flame landed on it.
- Keep pets away from the area where fireworks are being launched.
- Don't light any fireworks inside any container, glass bottle or metal cylinders.
- Don't use fireworks near gasoline containers or around vehicles and equipment that contain gas.
- Don't light multiple fireworks at once.
- Don't hold a firework in your hand while lighting it.
- Don't look into a firework container to see why it didn't go off.
- Never try to re-light fireworks that don't go off the first time.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from any fuel containers or combustibles.
- Keep a bucket of water or a ready-to-use garden hose nearby. Douse fireworks if embers remain.

Who to call for complaints on and around the holiday

If you have questions or concerns about noise or unlawful use of fireworks, please contact the Northville Dispatch Center at 248-349-1234. If you see an injury or a fire caused by fireworks, please call 911. If using a cell phone, be prepared to report your location to the dispatcher.

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 Michigan-made 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 30
Friday Night Concert Series
Town Square (Located on Main Street across from
the Marquis Theatre)
7 - 9 p.m.**

Major Dudes - Classic Rock ~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.

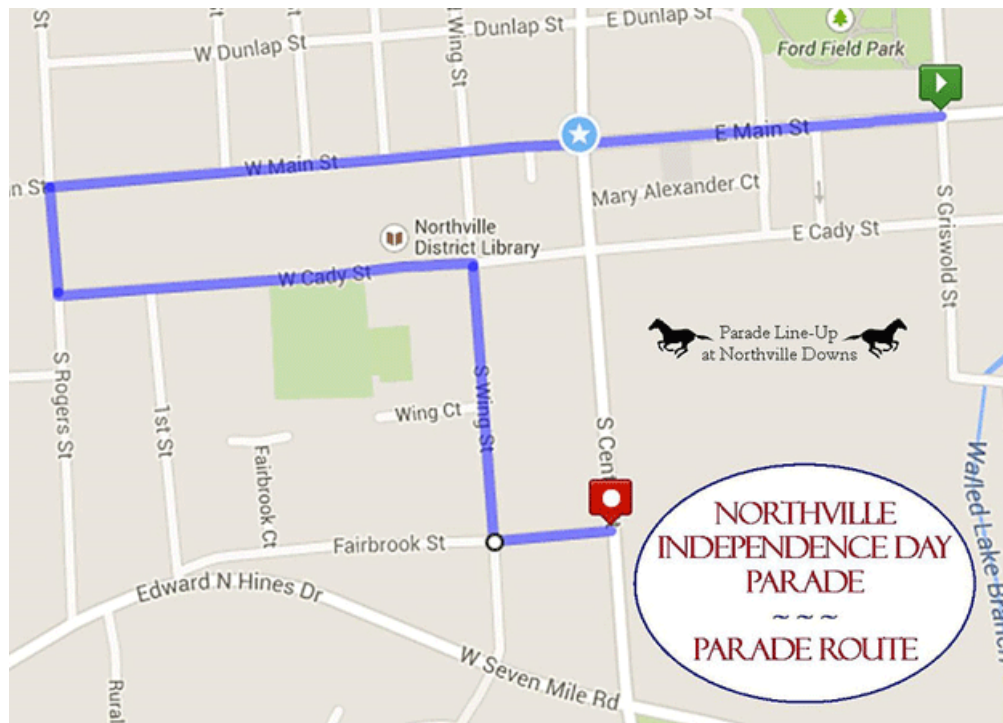
The exhibition runs through June 30 during Art House hours, Tuesday-Friday, 12 - 5 p.m. and Saturday, 12 - 4 p.m.



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



Make your pet a part of the celebration-- join the Pet Parade. All pets are welcome (even your fish, lizard or snake). Pick up a parking pass at [Meadowbrook or Breckenridge Veterinary](#) to participate.

Contact the [Community Foundation](#) for more information.



KIDS! DECORATE YOUR BIKE AND JOIN THE
**CHILDREN'S
BIKE PARADE!**

★ **TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017** ★
10:00AM | DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE
Part of the Northville Independence Day Parade!

The theme for this year's Parade is **ALL STAR SALUTE TO USA!**

★ FOR CHILDREN 5 AND OLDER (PARENTS MAY WALK WITH CHILD)

★ PRE-REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED. TO PARTICIPATE, ARRIVE AT THE NW PARKING LOT AT
7 MILE AND SHELDON ROADS BY 9:25AM ON THE 4TH OF JULY.

★ BEST DECORATED GIRLS BIKE & BEST DECORATED BOYS BIKE WILL EACH WIN A \$50 MEIJER GIFT CARD!

★ FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.NORTHVILLECOMMUNITYFOUNDATION.ORG/PARADE

THE BIKE PARADE IS KINDLY SPONSORED BY



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.



Tuesday, July 4
Fishing Derby
Maybury State Park
1-3 p.m.

Maybury State Park will host a fishing derby with prizes awarded, in age groups, for the most fish caught and largest fish caught.

Fishing will take place at the fishing pond, which is accessible from the Riding Stable parking lot. Enter the park on Beck Rd., south of 8 Mile Road, and follow the signs to the pond. For more information, contact Maybury State Park at 248-349-3858. Children 10 and under must be with an adult. Participants 17 and older must have a valid fishing license to participate.

[Read more...](#)



Saturday, July 8
Intro to Geocaching
Maybury Park
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join the Friends of Maybury as they introduce you to geocaching. Get started with this fun, high-tech "treasure hunt." We will walk on and off paths, so wear appropriate footwear. Bring bug spray and a GPS unit if you have it (or

download a Geocaching app on your smart phone). All ages are welcome. The event will be held rain or shine.

Meet at the Trailhead building; use the entrance at 49575 8 Mile Road. A recreation passport is required for entry. For more information, call the park office at

248-349-8390.

***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)



NORTHVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION



June 8



**July 26,
Aug 12**



July 10



June 25



Photo by Liz Cezat

A scene from the concert on June 20, 2017.

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

Tuesday, July 11
Tunes on Tuesday Children's Concert Series
Town Square (Located on Main Street across from the Marquis Theatre)
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Chris Clark's Rockin' DJ Party ~ Join Chris Clark for his rockin' party of Kids Bop tunes for all ages. Concerts are 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.

[Read more...](#)



timeless...with a twist

Friday, July 21 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday, July 22 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
NCBA Annual Sidewalk Sale

Downtown merchants will be running special sales to clear out extra merchandise. Come take advantage

and maybe score that item you have had your eye on!



Saturday, July 22
2017 Road Runner Classic Great Evening Race

Presented by The Northville Road Runners to benefit The Friends of Maybury State Park

Beautiful historic Maybury State Park located in Northville, 8 mile road entrance...one mile west of Beck Road.

Recreation passport required (also available at gate for purchase-\$11)

Includes Finishing Medal & Tech Shirt

Great Trail & Paved Run

New! Maybury Farm Animals & Activities

Join us for post-race activities: pizza, music, beer, homemade baked goods, and much more.

Awards donated by Northville Running Fit to overall and masters male & female and 3 deep awards to 10 year age brackets.

- Packet pickup - at Northville Running Fit store on 7/21/17, noon to 3 p.m.
- Packet pickup - at Maybury State Park on 7/22/17 (day of) starting at 3 p.m.
- Along with family activities * come join the fun
- Send payment to: Northville Road Runners, 387 Hamilton, Plymouth, MI 48170 or [online](#).

For more information: www.facebook.com/roadrunnerclassic - www.northvilleroadrunners.org - runmichigan.com - runsignup.com

Email: nrrupdate@yahoo.com



Tuesday, July 25
12th Annual Northville Grub Crawl
6 - 9:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale June 15 for the 12th Annual Northville Grub Crawl. Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. Participating restaurants are offering free samples of

appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for our "Crawlers." Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own.

This year's participating restaurants include: Aubree's of Northville, Brann's Sizzlin' Steaks & Sports Grill, Brick's of Northville, Browndog Treats, Drink's & Eats, Garage Grill & Fuel Bar, Northville Winery & Brewery Co. with Genitti's Catering, Northville Sports Den, My Little Paris Café & Bookstore, Rusty Bucket and Tavern, The Village Workshop and WOK Asian Bistro.

Tickets are \$30 per person (must be 21 or over) and can be purchased at Good Time Party Store, 567 West 7 Mile Road, Northville or the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 South Main Street, Northville. Tickets have sold out in past years, so get yours soon! You can also submit a ticket order form and the Chamber will mail you your tickets. The order form is available on the [Chamber website](#) at

For more information, visit the [Northville Chamber of Commerce website](#) or call 248-349-7640.

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 online](#) 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. 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 the location of the break. The sooner the leak is identified and reported, the quicker it can be repaired. Prompt repair is important because it reduces the risk of contaminants entering the water system and prevents further water loss.

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, [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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