



July 20, 2017

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## Meetings

**Parks & Recreation Commission** - Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m. - Township Hall

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

## This Just In...

### City Council Recap July 17, 2017

#### Ordinances:

***Site Plan Review process*** - City Council approved changes to the ordinance that clarified when the Planning Commission, city staff and consultants must review and approve changes to a site plan. The changes also allow the Planning Commission to extend preliminary or final approval to a site plan if the applicant provides good

cause.

**Front yard open space** - City Council approved changes to an ordinance that include requiring new single-family homes to leave at least 65% of the required front yard unpaved. Exceptions are made if the lot is narrow and doesn't have alley access. Another change prohibits parking on an unpaved surface in the front yard of a residential district and across a public sidewalk.

**A resolution** was approved that allows the Northville Pom Booster Club and Northville Middle School Pompon Booster Club to operate as nonprofit organizations in the City of Northville. This action will allow both to obtain a charitable gaming license from the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

**The City Council approved an agreement with the City of Plymouth for their Public Works director**, Chris Porman, to become a part-time assistant Public Works director for the City of Northville, beginning Aug. 1, 2017. Thus, he will split his time between the two cities. Current Public Works Director James Gallogly plans to retire in 2018. The agreement runs for one year. During this time, Plymouth and Northville will look at the feasibility of sharing a director and possibly sharing other resources and efforts related to Public Works.

**Commission reappointments were approved for the** Arts Commission: Jennifer Helner; and the Beautification Commission: Nadia Golinski, Nachiko Hirato and Yumi Kudo.

[View the video of the City Council meeting here](#)

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## **Deadline nears to run for City Council or mayor**

The deadline to file a nominating petition to run for City Council or mayor in the Nov. 7 election is Tuesday, July 25, at 4 p.m. The two-year term of Mayor Ken Roth expires on Nov. 13, 2017. The four-year term of two council member seats, currently held by Jim Allen and Sam Ekong, also expires on Nov. 13, 2017. If you are interested in running for either of these positions, please [visit the City's website](#) for details:

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## **Amy Prevo begins new role as interim Youth Assistance director**



Photo by Liz Cezat

*Sue Campbell is retiring, confident that Amy Prevo (seated) will be an asset to the community as interim Youth Assistance director.*

As a counselor and educator, and the mother of two teenagers, Amy Prevo brings both experience and wisdom to her new position as interim Northville Youth Assistance (NYA) director. She is taking over the role of Sue Campbell, who is retiring after 18 years.

Among her responsibilities, Prevo will manage these major programs:

- **CAMP Hillside and Meads Mill**, a mentoring and acclimation program for school kids entering sixth grade
- **The Diversion Program**, a partnership with law enforcement to help first-time offenders avoid repeating risky behavior through better decision-making skills
- **The Summer Camp Scholarship Program**, which enables several children from low-income families to attend a specialty camp. (Sponsors include the

Conrad Foundation, Main Street League, Community Financial Credit Union, and Meadowbrook Congregational Church.)

- **Mentoring Program** - Adults accepted into this program are trained in communication and conflict-resolution, then paired with a youth or teenager to assist them with life's challenges, such as the death of a parent, a divorce, or having trouble in school.

Prevo says communication is key to resolving conflicts that teens have with others, including their parents. As a counselor for NYA since November 2016, she would often "role play" with her young clients to show how their choice of words could lead to different outcomes.

"It's important to help kids figure out things on their own. We are motivated by what moves us. Kids are talked at and told what to do," Prevo said. "We need to help them develop their own vision of what success looks like for them, instead of prescribing what we think they should do. When kids take ownership of their outcomes they are more likely to make positive choices."

Prior to joining the NYA staff, Prevo was associate director for the Center for Educational Outreach at the University of Michigan. "I've always had a passion for working with youth, especially with those who face certain barriers or obstacles to success. I am excited to bring my expertise in youth development to serve families in the Northville community."

When Prevo works individually with kids, she seeks to help them develop goals and connect with their values. That way, they are more likely to make decisions that align with their goals, values and personality.

While Campbell has mixed feelings about retiring, she said, "I feel great turning over the reins to Amy. I'm leaving the program in really great hands."

NYA services are available to children and teens up to age 18 who attend school and are residents of Northville or Northville Township or live within the boundaries of the Northville School District.

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**City of Northville Fire Department's Explorer program trains in Illinois**





*From left, Explorers in brown jackets: Paul McKeever, 20, of Dearborn; Lucas Calandro, 18, of Livonia; Abbas Ayoub, 21, of Dearborn Heights; and Emily Diller, 21, of Wixom. Top row, blue shirts, from left: Austin Conway, Northville firefighter/EMT; Tyler Zajac, EMT; and advisor Shari Allen.*

Several youth in the City of Northville Fire Department's Explorer program attended a firefighting and search-and-rescue training program at the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) in Champaign, Ill.

The training consisted of multiple evolutions including live fire burns, search and rescue, vehicle extrication, HazMat training with foam applications, and rope rescue training. Northville Explorers spent two days each working on rope rescue technician skills and responding to live fire in the advanced skills program.

Twelve teens and young adults are in Northville's Explorer program, which meets twice a month and holds monthly drills. It is chartered through Learning-for-Life's Explorer program (a division of Boy Scouts of America) and is funded entirely by grants and donations.

The Explorer program offers hands-on experience throughout the year, as kids help conduct fire drills at Allen Terrace, the city's senior housing facility; assist at festivals; play victim for mock disaster drills and help other community groups. About 80 percent of the Explorers who attend the Northville program pursue a career as a firefighter or in a related capacity.

This is the 10th year the Fire Department has taken Explorers to the IFSI program. More than 200 Explorers from around the nation attended the training.

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### **City of Northville residents invited to apply for open seat on the Planning Commission**

The Northville City Council is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission, with members selected by the Northville City Council. The commission has nine members that serve three-year staggered terms. It regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

The Planning Commission works on the development of the Master Plan and Master Plan Updates; reviews and approves site plan developments and special land use requests; and also reviews and makes recommendations to City Council on all rezoning requests as well as the Zoning Ordinance.

If you are interested in serving, are a registered voter in the City of Northville and have been a resident for at least two years, you can submit an application to the City Clerk. Applications are available on the [City's website](#) or at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled.

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### **Did you Know?**

*A monthly series of historical facts about Northville*

**Streetcars were a great way to travel**



With the QLine now running along Woodward in downtown Detroit, it's appropriate to take a trip down memory lane to the streetcars that used to run in Northville. They were a popular way to travel to local cities. Two lines went to various cities along the same shared tracks in certain sections. The electric streetcars stopped in Detroit, Dearborn, Wayne, Pontiac, Plymouth, Northville, Farmington, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, among other cities.

Longtime Northville resident and historian Bruce Turnbull recalls, "My mother, sister and I would go to Farmington (get a free transfer) and go to Pontiac, where my grandmother lived."

According to Bruce, the conductor got out and changed the tracks. The streetcar went 40 to 60 mph, faster than cars could drive on rutted roads.

Bruce recalls one time when kids greased the tracks on Halloween as a trick, but didn't realize the impact it would have when the streetcar couldn't stop right away and went 10 to 12 feet beyond the tracks, knocking over the Crow's Nest that was perched over Main and Center.

Bruce noted, "In the summer, they would have band concerts in the Crow's Nest. It was made out of iron with iron steps and the orchestra would climb up with their instruments. It would only hold 10 to 12 people.

"On the 4th of July (and other occasions), there would be different political people going up there and giving speeches," he added. "They used big horns, there was no amplifiers. The Crow's Nest was used a lot."

The streetcars stopped operating in 1928, primarily due to the growing popularity of automobiles and buses.

For more history on Northville's street cars, read this [Patch news article](#) written by Northville resident Michele Fecht; visit the Northville Historical Society Archives at Mill Race Village and at the Northville Public Library, and reference the book: "Northville: the First Hundred Years" by Jack W. Hoffman.

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## Events / Things to Do



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](http://www.northville.org).

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## **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 hold a special sale that's sure to delight shoppers looking for unique items, clothing, home décor and more. Don't miss out on this fun event. [Read more...](#)

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## **Friday, July 21** **Friday Night Concert Series** **Town Square (Located on Main Street across from the Marquis Theatre)** **7 - 9 p.m.**

Randy Brock - Blues

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series brings the music of popular 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.](#)



**Saturday, July 22**  
**2017 Road Runner Classic Great Evening Race**  
**5 p.m.**

A race to benefit The Friends of Maybury State Park, hosted by Northville Road Runners  
Location: Maybury State Park, Northville (trail & paved run)

Join us for post-race activities, including pizza, music, beer and homemade baked goods. Family-friendly event with Maybury Farm animals & childrens' activities.

Awards in these categories: overall, masters male & female and 3 deep awards to 10-year age brackets. Race includes finishing medal & tech shirt.

- Packet pickup - Northville Running Fit store, 17783 Haggerty Rd., July 21, noon to 3 p.m.
- Day of Race packet pickup - Maybury State Park, starting at 3 p.m.
- Send payment to: Northville Road Runners, 387 Hamilton, Plymouth, MI 48170 or [online](#).

[Click here](#) for more information.

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**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.

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**Monday, July 24**  
**Music at Maybury Trailhead Building**

**7 - 8 p.m.**

Enjoy an evening of music in the park on Monday evenings, through August 21. Bring a blanket or chair and join us. Use the 8 Mile entrance and park in the western-most parking lot, which is closest to the trailhead

building. [Click here to view The Friends of Maybury website.](#)

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Photo by Liz Cezat

*A scene from the concert on June 20, 2017.*

**Tuesday, July 25**  
**Tunes on Tuesday Children's Concert Series**

**Town Square (Located on Main Street across from the Marquis Theatre)**

**10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Kevin Devine - The "Musical Man of a Thousand Hats" presents a raucous collection of original and traditional sing-along songs for kids of all ages. 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).*

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

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 a cash bar that features

special deals. Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or travel (by foot, bike or vehicle) on their own. Most of the locations are in downtown Northville with a handful in Northville Township.

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. This event is a sell-out You can also download a ticket order form from the [Chamber website](#) or call 248-349-7640.

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***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](http://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**





**August 2-26**  
**The Graded Wash Juried Watercolor**  
**Exhibition**  
**Northville Art House**  
**215 W. Cady Street**

Be a pART of it! The Northville Art House is presenting The Graded Wash Juried Watercolor Exhibition, featuring 29 artists who used watercolor, gouache and other media to create 44 colorful works, including landscapes, seascapes and portraits as well as animal, plant and abstract motifs.

Join us at the Art House for the opening reception on Friday, Aug. 4, from 6-9 p.m. with an awards presentation and juror's talk at 7 p.m. to celebrate the following participating artists from Northville: Marchelle Brotz, Barbara Eko Murphy, Patrick O'Rourke, Nancy Savage, Susan Wolocko Hassenrik and Julie Woodard, along with other artists from southeast and outstate Michigan.

Juror Jill Stefani Wagner selected these remarkable works and notes, "Painting in watercolor has been one of the true loves of my life. I have worked in this medium for over 30 years and it never fails to fascinate me."

The exhibition is open during Art House hours; Tuesday-Friday, noon - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, noon -4 p.m. Closed on Sunday and Monday. [Visit the Art House here.](#)

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**Friday, August 4 4-9 p.m.**  
**Saturday, August 5 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**  
**Sunday, August 6 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Buy Michigan Now Festival**

Entering its 9th year in downtown Northville, the [Buy Michigan Now Festival](#) is a weekend celebration of the state's annual Buy Michigan Week. This family-friendly event includes tasty treats, street vendors, live music, and

children's activities, all highlighting Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-made products. Together we are revitalizing the economy, one product, one purchase, one person at a time.

Admission and parking are free. Main and Center streets are closed in the middle of

downtown to make it easy to shop and dine, while enjoying live entertainment from some of Michigan's finest performers.

## **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 August 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.

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### **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.

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### **Accountability & Transparency**

To meet the requirements for Accountability & Transparency under City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing/County Incentive Program (CVTRS/CIP), the City of Northville must certify to the Michigan Department of Treasury by Dec. 1, 2017 that it has produced and made readily available to the public:

1. A Citizen's Guide of its most recent local finances, including recognition of its unfunded liabilities
2. A Performance Dashboard
3. A Debt Service Report containing a detailed listing of its debt service requirements, including, at a minimum, the issuance date, issuance amount, type of debt instrument, a listing of all revenues pledged to finance debt service by debt instrument, and a listing of the annual payment amounts until

maturity

4. A Projected Budget Report of revenues and expenditures including, at a minimum, the current fiscal year and a projection for the immediately following year and an explanation of the assumptions used for the projections

The above documents may be found by [visiting the City's website](#).

## 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 they 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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You will be able to see stories, photos and videos of the City's people, places and events. We'll let you know about City services, such as trash pick up, payment of taxes and utility bills, and roads under construction. Plus, we want to hear from you. Share your photos and comments; ask questions. If you "like" the Northville Facebook page, you'll see our posts in your news feed.

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