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## **Meetings**

**City Council** - Monday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

## **This Just In...**

### **Site plans approved for a new restaurant and Northville District library meeting space**

The Planning Commission approved site plans on Aug. 15 for two projects in downtown Northville - a restaurant next to Town Square and an addition to the Northville District Library. Both projects will require additional approvals for aspects of the plans by the Historic District Commission and City Council.

An Italian restaurant named for its location, 160 Main, will move into an existing

building once renovations are completed. Plans call for a full panel of windows on the front and awning-clad windows and a set of balcony doors on the west side of the building, facing Town Square. (See rendering.)

The second floor will be renovated into a mezzanine level, with an overlook onto the main floor dining area. The restaurant will offer both dine-in and carry-out service. The proprietor is Brian Maiorana. The architect is Brian Carpenter of A3 Studios, Architects PC, of Troy.

The second project is a building addition to the library that will convert 800 ft<sup>2</sup> under an overhang on the northeast side of the lower level into an enclosed space for a meeting room and two group study rooms. The architect is Merritt Cieslak Design, PLC, of Farmington.



*Conceptual drawing of the new restaurant, 160 Main. (Courtesy of A3 Studios)*



Photo by Liz Cezat

*The northeast side of the Northville District Library has an overhang that will be enclosed to provide 800 ft2 space for meetings and study rooms.*

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### **Seniors delight in a steel drum band concert and ice cream social**

More than 75 seniors attended a summer concert and ice cream social held at the Northville Community Center on Wednesday, Aug. 16. They relaxed to the soothing island music performed by the Sunsations Steel Drum Band and had fun meeting other seniors.



Photo by Liz Cezat

***Kay Dyer leads the band.***

The event was organized by Pam Cameron of Northville Senior Adult Services. Guernsey ice cream was sold for \$1 and guests got to select their own toppings.

The band consists of 15 residents of Polo Park East, a retirement community in Davenport, Fla. Some of the members hail from Michigan, including co-founder Pam and Ron Gallinger, formerly of Plymouth. Their daughter, Annie, brought a steel drum back as a present from Trinidad, where the instrument originated. Band leader and co-founder Kay Dyer, a former music teacher, helped drum up support to form the band, now in its ninth year.

Sunsations band members were in Michigan for summer band camp. They performed for free.





Photo by Liz Cezat

*Bill Rice tops the ice cream sundae of his wife Berti, who can't wait to try it.*

## City of Northville residents invited to apply for 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.

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.

## Events / Things to Do



**Through August 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.

Juror Jill Stefani Wagner selected these remarkable works. Several artists from Northville have artwork in the exhibit, including Marchelle Brotz, Barbara Eko Murphy, Patrick O'Rourke, Nancy Savage, Susan Wolocko Hassenrik and Julie Woodard. Other artists represented are from southeastern Michigan and outstate Michigan.

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

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## **Northville Art House's 9th Annual West of Center Juried All-Media Exhibition opens Sept. 1**

In keeping with the philosophy of bringing the community something unexpected, the exhibition includes paintings, photographs, sculpture, and mixed media pieces created by 22 contemporary artists working with traditional and nontraditional media in diverse styles. The 32 works of art were selected by Brian Nelson, professor of Sculpture at Eastern Michigan University.

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Photo by Liz Cezat

***Duke Donahee, of Donahee Farms in Salem Township, unpeels a cob of bi-colored corn.***

## **Every Thursday (through Oct. 26) Farmers' Market 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

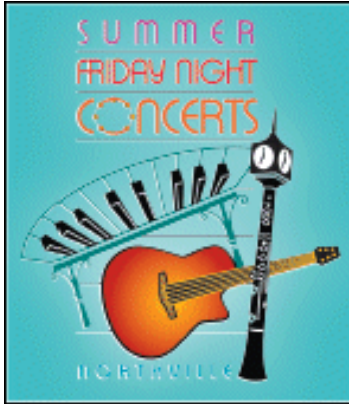
Shop for fresh, locally sourced produce and top-quality cheese, fish, jam, baked goods and other edibles from farmers and merchants. There are more than 70 stalls of Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products. In addition, fine juried crafters and vendors sell garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking 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, August 18**  
**Friday Night Concert Series**  
**Town Square** (Located on Main Street across from the Marquis Theatre)  
**7 - 9 p.m.**

Dr. Swift - Classic Rock  
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.](#)

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**Every Sunday**  
**Sundays at Mill Race Village - Buildings open**  
**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. Free admission. Stroll the beautiful grounds, bring a picnic lunch and check out the General Store.

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## at Maybury

**Mondays, July 10 – August 21**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Maybury State Park Trailhead Building  
(enter park at Eight Mile Rd) entrance)**

### **Entertainment Schedule**

- July 10: Troublesome Creek  
(Acoustic American Roots)
- July 17: High Street Band (garage)
- July 24: Busted by Nine (classic rock)
- July 31: Frankie G and Dawn Marie  
(classics from 70's and beyond)
- August 7: Northville Strings Students  
(strings/symphonic)
- August 14: The Mayburys (garage)
- August 21: Undecideds (acoustic)

**Ride your bike, bring a picnic  
and enjoy Monday  
night music at  
Maybury State Park.  
FREE Family friendly  
entertainment**

All vehicles entering the park are required to have a Recreation Passport. Passports may be purchased at the Self Registration Kiosk at each park entrance.

**Maybury State Park Office  
(248) 349-8390**



**Tuesday, August 22  
Tunes on Tuesday Children's Concert  
Series  
Town Square (Located on Main Street)**



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

Stephanie Wicke ~ Princesses and pirates?  
Oh My! Northville native Stephanie Jay Wicke brings a boatload of songs, stories, dances and fun to little beauties and buccaneers. 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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**Sept. 15      5 - 11p.m. (Parade 6:30 p.m.)  
Sept. 16      11a.m. - 11p.m.  
Sept. 17      11a.m. - 4p.m.**

**Heritage Festival (Save the date)  
Downtown Northville**

This year, the Northville Heritage Festival celebrates 150 years of Northville becoming a village; it became a city in 1955. Celebrate the rich history and small town charm of the Northville community. [Click here for a full schedule of events.](#)

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**Sept. 16 (Industrial Rouge)**

**Oct. 7 (Natural Rouge)**

**Paddle the Rouge River with Friends of the Rouge (Save the date)**



This fall there are two opportunities to join a group paddle on the Rouge River. The tours are being organized by Friends of the Rouge in conjunction with two local liveries. The two tours offer contrasting perspectives on this recovering urban river.

On Saturday Sept. 16, Friends of the Rouge partners with Riverside Kayak Connection on a tour that highlights the river's industrial past. Beginning in Melvindale, paddlers will cruise past the Ford Rouge Complex, pass under historical suspension bridges, possibly see great blue herons and kingfishers, and may even spot a freighter making its way up the river.

On Saturday Oct. 7, Friends of the Rouge partners with Heavner Canoe Rental to offer a trip that feels like an up-north paddle. Following the Lower Branch within the City of Wayne, paddlers are surrounded by a surprisingly healthy forest with towering cottonwoods, several steep riverbanks and even a bit of whitewater to negotiate.

Both tours are limited to experienced paddlers due to water quality concerns. To sign up for the Sept. 16 Kayak Tour, contact Riverside Kayak Connection at 734-285-2925. (\$50 kayak / \$30 bring your own, both include shuttle and lunch). To sign up for the Oct. 7 paddle, contact FOTR at 313-792-9621 or [spetrella@therouge.org](mailto:spetrella@therouge.org) (\$45 per canoe/\$10 bring your own).

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. Friends of the Rouge is a non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River and is currently working to develop a Rouge River Water Trail.

## **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 31st. For the winter tax bill you designate the date of payment as either December 31st or February 14th. 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 1st and December 1st 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 December 1, 2017 they have produced and made readily available to the public:

1. Citizen's Guide of its most recent local finances, including recognition of its unfunded liabilities
2. Performance Dashboard
3. 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. 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 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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If you have comments or requests for specific news items, please e-mail Liz Cezat, Communications Manager, at [lcezat@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:lcezat@ci.northville.mi.us).

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