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Special Meeting - Parks & Recreation - Monday, Aug. 28, 9 a.m. - Township Hall

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This Just In...

City Council recap of Aug. 21 meeting

The City Council approved the consent agenda, which included:

- Approval of a special event application from the Northville Chamber of Commerce to conduct the 29th Annual Heritage Festival, formerly Victorian Festival, on Friday, Sept. 15 through Sunday, Sept. 17.
- Approval of a special event request from South Lyon resident Steve Ickes, of the Bricklin International Car Club, to conduct a car show in the streets of

Downtown Northville on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. An estimated 30-40 cars will be on display.

- Proclaim September 2017 as National Recovery Month in the City of Northville and call upon all government agencies, schools, public and private institutions, schools and citizens to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to promote recovery.

There were no public comments.

Historic architects invited to submit an RFP to conduct an intensive-level survey of the City of Northville's Historic District

A historic architect is being sought to conduct an intensive-level survey to uncover new information about the historical features and architectural attributes of up to 343 houses and other buildings in the City's Historic District. It's the first study of its kind in 45 years, when a partial survey of 61 historic structures in the 144-acre district was conducted.

Funding for the survey is being arranged through a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The federal government and the City of Northville will share in the cost of the survey. The City as well as local, state and federal agencies dedicated to historic preservation will receive an extensive report with color photos detailing survey findings. The public and owners of historic properties will have access to the full report as well as survey data and summary reports in digital format on the City's website.



Photo by Liz Cezat

A home in Northville's Historic District on W. Dunlap.

Since the HDC must approve applications for changes to historic structures brought by the property owners, having a new comprehensive survey will provide additional historic information to help the commission better understand the building components - what must be maintained and why it is historically significant.

"For the Historic District Commission to do its job, it needs more information," said Sally Elmiger, principal of Carlisle Wortman Associates and a project manager of the historic district survey. "The survey will provide that missing link."

In addition, she noted, "The survey findings will help the owners understand what elements are important to the structure, and preserve them for the future."

To determine the significance of the architectural and historical data, applications to the HDC ask for the date of construction, architectural style, historic photos, the name of the original owner, builder developer, and the building timeline (e.g. dates and locations of additions, demolition and changes). In addition, owners must provide a detailed description of building materials that are original to the resource, and any relevant historic information, such as notable residents, recognized landmark, important site and other attributes. Several of these topics will be investigated during the intensive-level survey.

Qualified individuals interested in submitting a proposal can visit the [Historic District Survey page](#) on the City's website for more information and obtain the [RFP form](#). The deadline for responses is Sept. 5, 2017 by 12 p.m.

Take the Friends of the Rouge survey

Residents of Northville and nearby communities are encouraged to take a survey to help Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) evaluate ways to maintain clean streams and reduce pollution in Johnson Creek and Tonquish Creek, which feed into the Rouge River. FOTR is aiming for 500 responses, so please take answer the survey and share it on social media to help reach the goal. The survey requires about 15 minutes to complete and can make a big difference to these creeks and the River Rouge watershed.



[<<<Press here to take the survey.>>>](#)



[Share on facebook](#)

[Share on twitter](#)

[Print and post flyer](#) at your office or in your community

Email the survey to people who live in the target area: Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Salem and Westland.

Now is the best time to act. Get your community engaged in protecting the Rouge watershed.

Make plans for fall sports, events and programs

Northville residents and neighboring communities are encouraged to sign up for programs and events run by Northville Parks & Rec this fall. [View the catalog here.](#)

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...](#)

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.



Photo by Liz Cezat

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.



Friday, August 25

Friday Night Concert Series

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

7 - 9 p.m.

Steve King and the Dittilies - 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.](#)

Take a walk around downtown Northville to view the stunning summer flowers





AUGUST 26, 2017

FRIENDS OF MAYBURY HIKE

Introduction to Edible Plants

Join us for an easy hike through Maybury State Park. Learn to identify some easily recognizable edible wild plants, and know how to identify those plants you should avoid. Some plants can be eaten raw, some need to be cooked. Learn what you need to know to "eat wild." Everyone welcome!



**Introduction to
Edible Plants Hike**

**Saturday
August 26**

10:00-11:30 AM

**Meet at the
Trailhead Building**

**State Park
Recreational
Passport required
for entry**

**FRIENDS OF
MAYBURY**

Friendsofmaybury.org



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.



Photo by Liz Cezat

A scene from the concert on June 20, 2017.

Tuesday, August 29
Tunes on Tuesday Children's Concert Series
Town Square (Located on Main Street across from the Marquis Theatre)
10:30 - 11:30 a.m

Paula Doak ~ Music comes alive as the Merry Music Lady engages children on a playful and wonderful musical experience. 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).

Friday, Sept. 8
Family Fun Night
Hillside Recreation Center
5 - 7 p.m.

Northville Parks and Recreation is putting a new spin on the start of the school year. Enjoy a DJ, life-size games, face-painting, photo booth, concessions and more.

Fee: \$30/Family of 4, \$5 for each additional family member.

Deadline to Register is Sept. 6 at 4:30 p.m.

[Read more...](#)



Sept. 15 5 - 11p.m. (Parade 6:30 p.m.)
Sept. 16 11a.m. - 11p.m.
Sept. 17 11a.m. - 4p.m.
Heritage Festival

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.](#)

Sept. 16 (Industrial Rouge)

Oct. 7 (Natural Rouge)

Paddle the Rouge River with Friends of the Rouge



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 (\$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

Scheduling online inspections

Contractors and homeowners in the City of Northville may schedule inspections using the [online inspection portal](#) with your assigned permit number. On the site, you can request all types of inspections, such as building, electrical, plumbing and heating. If you need an inspection for the following business day, please schedule it 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 here](#) 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 (NCFD), which serves the cities of Northville and Plymouth, offers voluntary home fire safety reviews. 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. There is a free service. Schedule your review by calling: 248-449-9920

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.

Northville Police Department has free gun safety locks

Don't take the risk of having an unlocked gun get into the wrong hands - especially if you have young children and teenagers. Stop in at the Northville Police Department lobby to get your free gun safety lock. There are no forms to fill out and no waiting.

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