



August 31, 2017

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City offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Trash collection notice: Due to the Labor Day holiday, trash collection will be delayed by one day; Monday pick-up will be on Tuesday; Tuesday's pick-up will be on Wednesday.

Meetings

Note Date - City Council - Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. - council chambers - City Hall

Note Date - Beautification Commission - Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. - council chambers - City Hall

Planning Commission - Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. - meeting room (lower level) - City Hall

Board of Zoning Appeals - Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m. - council chambers - City

Hall

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

This Just In...

Center Street between Dunlap and Rayson will have limited access next week due to roadwork and sewer connection for new development



Road work is underway on High Street (shown above) from West Main to West Dunlap. New curbs are being installed and the road will be repaved. Work is also being done on Elmsmere from East Chigwidden to Coldspring.

Residents and commuters who typically use Center Street between Dunlap and Rayson may want to seek an alternative route from Tues., Sept. 5 - Friday, Sept. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while a sewer connection is made and the road is repaved as

part of the work required to build new condominiums at 314 N. Center. One lane will remain open, but a flagman will direct traffic in both directions. During those working hours, the entrance to Randolph at Center Street will be closed and only local traffic will be allowed from High St. to Randolph. Those side streets will open to all traffic once the flagman operation ends each day.

Get ready for the Household Hazardous Waste collection in mid September

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection (and electronics drop-off) will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at City Yards - 650 Doheny. This event is open to residents of the City of Northville, Northville Township and the City of Livonia.

Acceptable Items - Household paints, stains, dyes; floor wax, carpet cleaner; furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents; pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only); nail polish, glue; fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides; antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline; automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs (all types); fire extinguishers and smoke detectors; mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury.

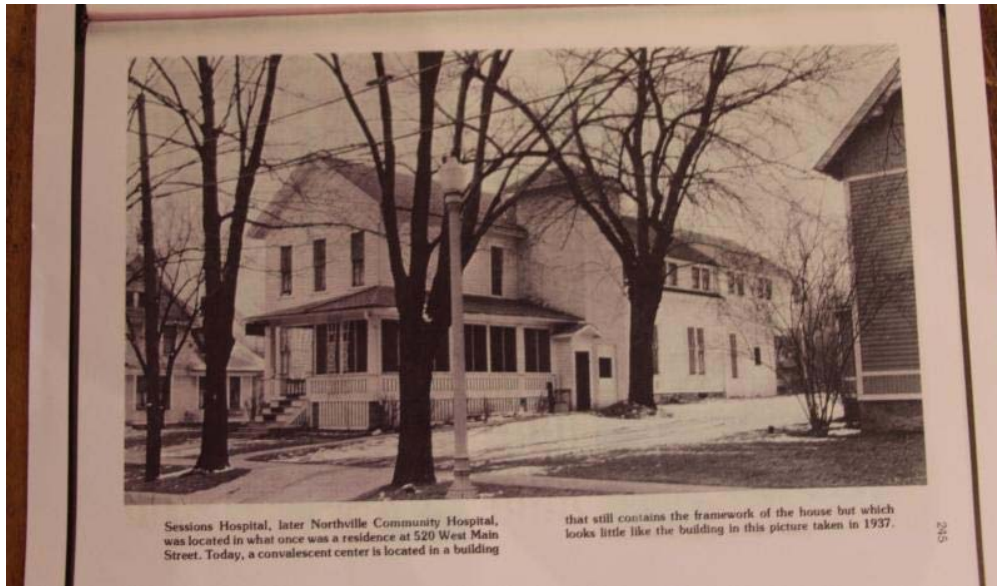
Electronics recycling - computer CPU's, flat screen monitors/TV's, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice; cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions. **No CRT televisions or monitors will be accepted. If you are a Northville resident, you may place these items out with your trash.**

Items not accepted - Commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55-gallon drums, shock sensitive materials, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete. For information on how to dispose of these items, please contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734-326-3936.

Did you know?

A monthly series of historical facts about Northville

Northville had a local hospital on Main Street



Hospitals used to be community mainstays but many have closed or morphed into medical complexes. In 1915, Mr. Sessions purchased the Horace Green House at 520 W. Main Street to enable his wife Winnifred Sessions, a practical nurse, to care for the ill and elderly. She treated illnesses as simple as colds and attended to the birth of new babies in the home.

The house was large but there wasn't enough room to treat all those who needed care. An addition was built onto the house in 1920, which allowed the home-based hospital to treat an additional 25 patients.

"It was the baby hospital of the whole area," said Bruce Turnbull, whose oldest son was born in the hospital in 1945. "At that time, it had 10 bedrooms and each could hold about five patients. Every town had their own hospital."

The hospital had a staff of 10 and a cook. Some of the first doctors at Sessions Hospital had last names of Henry, Snow, Handay and Tuner. Dr. Irene Sparling (Mrs. Harold) known as "Dr. Irene" also tended to patients, but it's unclear if she was an original doctor or joined the staff later.

In 1935, Irene Slater, a registered nurse who was employed there, purchased the hospital. Under new ownership, surgery was performed. The 20-bed hospital had an operating room and a delivery room with a modern nursery. She served as president of the hospital in the 1950s.

The hospital closed in 1959, but reopened as Community General Hospital, a 30-bed facility. Dr. Howard Bergo, owner and operator of Maybury Grand Hospital in Detroit, purchased the hospital along with Abraham Ferris and put in more than \$100,000 in renovations.

The era of local hospitals was soon to be replaced by larger complexes. St. Mary's

in Livonia was being built and patients from Northville started to go there for care.

The former Sessions Hospital now serves as a nursing home, Star Manor of Northville. The 37-bed licensed, certified facility provides basic, skilled and Alzheimer's care and has a five-star rating (out of five).

Something about the historic house makes it a comfortable place to rest up and get needed care - back in its heyday and now, as a nursing home. Now, it has a gazebo and an English garden and a long front porch where residents can sit and watch the world go by.

Sources: Amy Ralph Simons, Archives maintained by Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village; Northville Record; and Bruce Turnbull.

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



Photo by Liz Cezat

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

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.

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.>>>](#)



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

Contributions needed to create a 3D terrain model of the Rouge River



Friends of The Rouge (FOTR) is raising funds to develop a terrain model of the Rouge River. They are close to meeting their goal of \$10,500 and need less than \$1,000 to fully fund the project.

The Fred A. & Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation is matching all donations up to \$1,900. So far they have raised \$500 of the

\$1,900 needed to secure that match.

[Please help us get there today with a donation.](#)

The interactive, waterproof model will have vertical relief, watershed boundary, sub-watersheds, floodplains, geographic markers and more. The group plans to bring the model to classrooms, public presentations and events to educate people of all ages - from young children through retirees.

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



Sept. 1 First Friday Experience

Join us in Downtown Northville on the First Friday of each month for a special shopping, dining and artistic experience. Many retailers stay open late and showcase new products and special trunk shows and offer limited time exclusive items or sales. Galleries showcase new exhibits, artists and pieces - often premiering them on First Friday. Always great destinations, the bars and restaurants of Northville feature a wide selection of cuisine, from sushi to Mediterranean and from American to Italian. Plan a date, gather a

group of friends and don't miss out on First Fridays in Northville.

Sept. 1 - Oct. 28

**9th Annual *West of Center* Juried All-Media Exhibition
Northville Art House**

Be a pART of it! The Northville Art House is hosting the 9th Annual *West of Center*. This is a juried all-media exhibition featuring 32 works of art selected by juror Brian Nelson, professor of sculpture at Eastern Michigan University. In keeping with the philosophy of bringing the community the 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.

Opening reception is Sept. 1, 6-9 p.m. with the award presentation at 7 p.m. The reception is sponsored by Mark Corbin of Raymond James. There will be a First Friday reception on Oct. 6, 6-9 p.m. The exhibit continues through Oct. 28 at Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 12-5 p.m. and Saturdays, 12-4 p.m. Free. Information: call 248-344-0497 or [visit here](#).

The artists, who are competing for \$650 in cash awards, include: Jean-Paul Aboudib (Canton), Jim Aho (Huntington Woods), David Bartlett (Farmington Hills), Gail Borowski (Shelby Township), Jan Brown (Novi), Velinka Cucuz (Brighton), Pamela Day (Wixom), Megan Dodge (Sterling Heights), Holly Drouin (Northville), Harah Frost (Royal Oak), Eugenia Hoag (Milford), Michael Jogerst (Holland), Christine Kern (Canal Winchester, OH), WanChuan Kesler (Northville), Rosemary Lee (Howell), Julia Leone (Detroit), Zachary Meyer (Shelby Township), Christine Miller (Whitewater), Patricia O'Brien (Cockeysville, MD), Cheryl Phillips (Detroit), Kyle Pryce (Plymouth), and Carrie 'Care' Wheeler (Plymouth).

About the Juror

[Brian Nelson](#) has exhibited nationally and locally at the Detroit Artist Market, Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit, and Elaine L. Jacobs Gallery, among others. He is known for his unique ability to combine refined craftsmanship and complex emotional and conceptual ideas into solid and fluid sculpture. For more information [visit here](#), or call 248-344-0497 during business hours.



Photo by Liz Cezat

Dominic Mathis and his 2-year-old son Deniro shop for produce at the market. (Dominic is a personal chef from California.)

**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.



**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.

**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 four, \$5 for each additional family member.
[Deadline to Register](#) is Sept. 6 at 4:30 p.m.



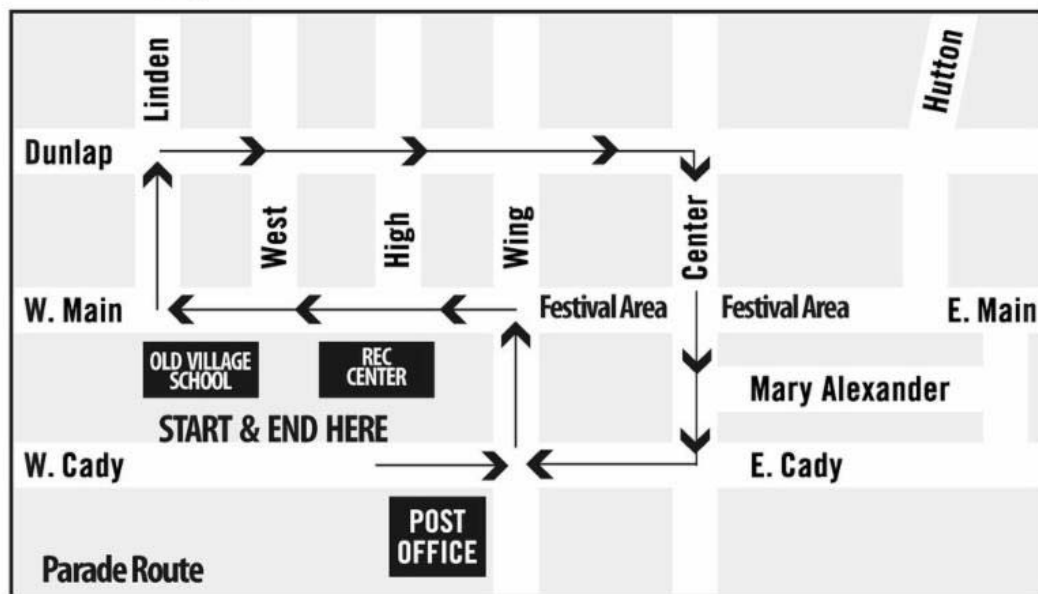
**Sept. 15
Sept. 16
Sept. 17**

**5 - 11p.m. (Parade 6:30 p.m.)
11a.m. - 11p.m.
11a.m. - 4p.m.**

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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Open to the public. The [Village Workshop](#) is located at 455 E. Cady Street, behind the Northville Car Wash.

Maybury History Hike

**Sponsored by Friends of Maybury*

Sept. 16

10 a.m.

Meet at the Trailhead Building



Before it was a state park, the area was home to Maybury Sanatorium, operated by the City of Detroit for the treatment of patients with tuberculosis. Most of the buildings are gone, but evidence remains of this past use. Join us on this easy 1 mile walk to hear the stories and see photos and building sites. Suitable for all ages; program will last about 1-1/2 hours.



A Recreation Passport is required for entry to all Michigan state parks and recreation Areas. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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.



Friday, Sept. 22
Northville High School Homecoming
Parade
5:30 p.m. step off

The Northville High School Homecoming Parade will step off at 5:30 sharp from behind Old Village School on Cady Street and proceed to northbound on South Wing to eastbound on West Main to northbound on North Center to 8 mile to enter the stadium.

Saturday, Sept. 23
Tour de Ville Bike Tour - Northville Rotary
The Village Workshop



The [Tour de Ville](#) benefit bike ride is a family-oriented event and not a race. All routes begin and

end in Historic Northville at The Village Workshop. The routes include a 10-mile ride that travels exclusively along the historic Edward Hines Drive. There is also have a 34-mile route and a 53-mile route (for experienced riders).

Business

Online payments for utility bills and taxes

Online payments for taxes and utilities is available on the City's website offered through Point & Pay, for a convenience fee. To access this option, please click on [this link](#). On the left side of your screen, select either Property Tax and Assessing Lookup or Utility Bill Lookup. Search for your property and click on the "Pay Online" button. You will then be re-directed to the Point & Pay website to make a payment.

Fees: Please note there is a convenience fee paid directly to Point & Pay if you choose to utilize this option:

Credit Cards: 3% Fee (minimum \$2.00)

E-Checks: Flat Fee of \$3, up to \$10,000 or Flat Fee of \$10, anything over \$10,000

Around Town

Streetlights

Streetlight out? Businesses and residents can report streetlight outages online. [This link](#) goes directly to the DTE streetlight outage reporting tool.

Businesses and residents who have a DTE wooden power pole on or adjacent to their property are eligible to have outdoor protective lighting installed on the pole to illuminate their private property. Residents may even qualify for no up-front cost installation. Please call 866-503-0627 and leave a detailed message that includes name, address, city, zip code and phone number with area code for a DTE representative to contact you within 3 business days.

At Home

Brush collection program

The City of Northville allows residents to place branches at the curb without

bundling or bagging them. Branches 6 feet long and up to 6 inches in diameter can be placed at the curb for removal by the City's solid waste collection contractor.

Residents can dispose of large piles of branches by placing them at the curb. Every Tuesday, year-round, a crew will come through each neighborhood and chip any branches left at the curb.

Branches must be in the street right-of-way (Between the street and the sidewalk). Simply stack the branches neatly behind the curb with the cut ends facing the street.

Do not put out roots, stumps, dirt, lumber, railroad ties or any wood with metal in it. Residents can dispose of firewood pieces and stumps with their normal weekly garbage (Maximum 35 gallon cans and 60 lb. weight limit).

Collection crews will not rake up small branches after the large brush piles are removed. Residents may have to rake these areas after bulk brush collection.

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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