



September 7, 2017

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Meetings

Beautification Commission - Monday, Sept. 11, 8 a.m. (Schedule change due to holiday) - Council Chambers - City Hall

Youth Assistance - Tuesday, Sept. 12, 8 a.m. - Community Center

Housing Commission - Wednesday, Sept. 13, 6 p.m. - Allen Terrace

Arts Commission - Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. - Art House

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

This Just In...

City Council Recap from 9/5/17

Meeting was held Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday.

City Council approved an agreement between the Northville District Library and the City to add five parallel parking spaces on the north side of Cady, paying \$4,500 for each space. This satisfies the parking requirement for adding an addition to their site.

City Council approved the second phase of Poole's exterior renovations on property leased from the City. The restaurant will add a 17 x 37-foot glass awning over the east-side entrance to the building. Plan approval now goes before the Planning Commission and Historic District Commission.

City Council approved the purchase of new RecPro software for Parks and Recreation to resolve issues it has had with program and event registration. The new system costs \$8,800 and will save \$17,000 a year in credit card fees by passing that cost onto the registrants.

Fish hatchery park - City Council approved hiring SME for engineering-design services at a cost of \$6,000. This completes the engineering design for the retaining wall replacement between the pond and the creek and develops construction specifications for bidding the project.

There were no public comments.

[Watch a video of the meeting here](#)

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

Residents and commuters who typically use Center Street between Dunlap and Rayson may want to seek an alternative route on Thursday, Sept. 7, and Friday, Sept. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while the road is repaved. 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.

Fort Griswold



Photo by Liz Cezat

The Fort Griswold playstructure at Ford Field will be closed beginning Sept. 18 for maintenance and is expected to reopen on Sept. 23.

Randolph Street Intercounty drain work is complete

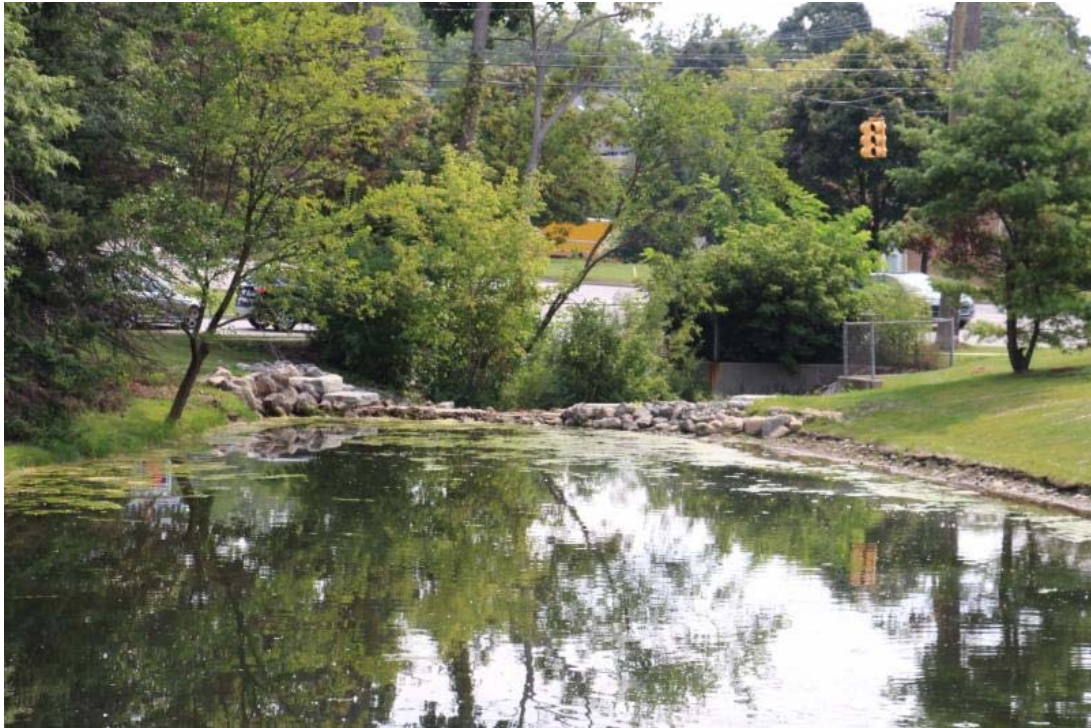


Photo by Liz Cezat

Work crews recently completed a major project of clearing sediment and contaminated soil from the Randolph Street Intercounty drain that forms a pond at Taft and 8 Mile Road. Two weirs on each end of the pond were rebuilt for improved water flow on the site of Lexington Commons Condos. The creek banks were graded with a longer slope to slow the amount of sediment that enters the creek. Now, the water is deeper and should run faster and clearer through the creek, which runs along several neighborhoods in Northville.

Dentistry and education go hand-in-hand at Preservation Dental, celebrating 40 years in downtown Northville

Open the door to the dental practice of William Demray, DDS, [Preservation Dental](#) at the corner of Main and Griswold, and you'll enter a well-preserved and updated historical house that has a fragrant scent. It doesn't smell like a dental office. You'll be greeted by a welcoming dental team whose mission is to fight gum disease and tooth decay through education, instilling good dental hygiene and expert dental care.

Dr. Demray started his practice with a strong desire to buy a historic home and use part of it for his practice and also be able to live there (which he did for 30 years). The stately Victorian-style house, built in 1885, fit the bill. A former owner was

Henry Ford, who bought the house so his plant director could live across the street from the Ford Valve Plant (now the Water Wheel Centre).

Over the years, Dr. Demray has renovated each of the floors, while keeping the walls intact and preserving the assets. He began as a solo dental practitioner and remains so today, although he has had dentist associates over the years. He has a staff of 11.

The practice equates dental care with good overall health. The staff educates patients about how to care for their teeth and gums to prevent decay and disease. Once a family starts there, chances are their kids and grandkids will go there too. Last year, five generations of one family - from age 2 to 100 - had appointments and gathered on the porch. For the staff, it was a sentimental sight that mirrored the care and concern they have for patients.

"The hygienist, dentist and patient all work together," said Denise Jenkins, director of patient/public relations. "We can't be successful without the patient's participation."



Photo courtesy of Preservation Dental

Preservation Dental Staff: (from L to R) Aimée Crosby, Katie Starks, Stephanie Dyc RDH, Mary Rigley RDH, Niccole Cervi, (forefront) Taylor McNeill RDH, William S. Demray DDS, Autum Drew RDH, (forefront) Caterina Sanchez RDH, Denise Jenkins, (forefront) Patricia Feldt and Susan Karl. (RDH is registered dental hygienist)

Dr. Demray and the dental hygienists teach patients to stimulate their gums daily with a G.U.M® rubber-tip that keeps the seal tight between teeth and gums. The tool he calls a "three-dimensional squeegee" also prevents pockets from forming in

the soft tissue of the gums, which can trap food particles and cause major problems. Plaque can migrate from the mouth to other parts of the body - potentially blocking arteries leading to the brain or the heart. In worst-case scenarios, this free-floating plaque can cause a stroke or heart attack.

While bone loss along the gum lines can't be restored, pockets in the gums can be reduced by as much as 50% by stimulating the gums between the teeth with the "squeegee."

Sugar is also a problem for teeth. It lays down a sticky film on tooth enamel that attracts other food residue and is hard to clean off. It can quickly lead to plaque, which must be scraped off with a dental instrument. Sugar breaks down into an acid, which eats into enamel and causes cavities. Therefore, the Preservation Dental team discourages kids from eating candy.

Dr. Demray notes that lifestyle changes can cut down on cavities dramatically. For instance, if you drink pop, don't sip it a little at a time because that constantly bathes your teeth in sugar. After drinking pop, rinse with water or brush your teeth.

Rather than advertise the practice, Dr. Demray and his staff engage the community through humorous skits, cultural support of the arts and actions that are more fun and instructive than promotional.

"This is a special, beautiful community, said Dr. Demray. "It's changed a lot over the years. We love this community. It's been good to us."

For 35 years, Preservation Dental has had a major presence in the Independence Day parade. What started with a horse-drawn carriage carrying the Tooth Fairy evolved into a collection of multi-colored Volkswagens Beetles (PD bugs) with a cast of characters played by patients and friends. There's Miss Ginger Vitis, Betsy Floss and Plaque Man. The cars also appear in the Holiday Lighted parade. One "bug" is used to drive patients to and from their dental appointments when needed.

Kids who go to Preservation Dental get PD bucks (replica silver coins), which can be saved up to acquire a branded t-shirt and other fun items. Dr. Demray's zany ideas have a laser-like focus on the message: develop good dental hygiene and get expert dental care to battle tooth decay and gum disease.

Remember the cascading giant teeth that tumbled en masse out of the second-story windows of Preservation Dental? That was part of Dr. Demray's plan to raise funds for the mobile dental office run by University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, his alma mater. He is a member of the dental school's alumni board.

Dr. Demray was named the 2011 Citizen of the Year by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and received a People's Choice Award through the O & E Media's Hometown Newspapers. He is licensed to practice in Michigan, Illinois and Washington and is Canadian board certified. He is a Fellow in three dental academies/colleges, and is active in these prestigious organizations.

He has raised more than \$100,000 for community non-profit organizations. Giving back to the community goes beyond charitable actions. The dental practice has interns from Northville High School who observe the dental work and front office operations.

Of his 40-year-old practice, Dr. Demray said, "We know where we came from. We know what we stand for. We know where we're going."



Photo by Liz Cezat

Ellie Faysal, of Novi, stands near the "binky tree" where children relinquish their binkies (pacifiers) to help keep their teeth healthy. The staff will assist if families want to make it a bigger event.

Household Hazardous Waste collection to be held in mid September

If you paint and other materials you want to dispose of, don't miss the Household Hazardous Waste Collection (and electronics drop-off) on 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.

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.](#)

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2nd Place: Gail Borowski, *A Kiss on the Skull*, fumage and colored pencil, 11" x 9"

Through 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.

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](#).

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.)

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.



Saturday, September 9, 2017
Opening of the Regional Trailhead Plaza and Kiosk
Maybury State Park
49575 Eight Mile Road, Northville
(use Eight Mile Road entrance)
3 p.m.

- Welcome and Introductions
- Ribbon Cutting
- Brief Remarks
- Photos

The Regional Trailhead Plaza and Kiosk project was funded by a collaborative agreement between the DNR and Friends of Maybury.



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.](#)

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.

Sponsored by Friends of Maybury

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.

Lunchtime Lecture Series Northville District Library



Bring a brown bag lunch to the Northville District Library for this lunchtime series on how best to use social media to get new business. Hear Candy Jones-Guerin, Constant Contact presenter, on these topics.

Wednesday, Sept. 20: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Drive New Business with Marketing & Social Media

Understand the different social media platforms, how to choose what to say, and where to say it.

Wednesday, Oct. 18: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Power of the Inbox: Tips for Successful Email Marketing

Learn why regular email doesn't work, and how to use techniques like automated list building tools. Get tips on design elements that work...and those that don't.

Wednesday, Oct. 18: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Power of the Inbox: Tips for Successful Email Marketing

Learn why regular email doesn't work, and how to use techniques like automated list building tools. Get tips on design elements that work...and those that don't.

Wednesday, Nov. 8: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Content Marketing: What to Say and How to Say It

Learn time-saving tips and apps to help your content, how to create engaging links, tips on using graphics, pictures and videos, re-purposing content across multiple platforms, and more. Get the tools you need to create your content easily and effectively.

Register online or call 248-349-3020.



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

Tree permits required

A permit from the Building Department may be required prior to cutting down any tree in the City of Northville. Contact the Building Department at 248-449-9902 to find out if a permit is required. Tree cutting is regulated by Section 90 of the City of Northville Code. The City will enforce this ordinance if any tree is cut down without the required permit.

Around Town

Parking

Did you know it is illegal to park on City Streets between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. without a permit?

If you are having visitors or work done on your driveway and must park in the street overnight, call Community Dispatch at 248-349-1234 by 2:00 a.m. with the license plate number and street location of the vehicle to avoid a parking ticket.

An easy way to dispose of old medications



Do you have outdated prescription or over-the-counter medications that you want to get rid of? Don't flush these medications down the toilet - it pollutes the water supply; don't throw them away because they will end up in a landfill and may be consumed by wildlife. There is a safe and convenient way to dispose of unwanted medications. Bring your unwanted medication - no liquids, needles or injectable medication - to the secure drop box in the lobby at the

Northville Township Police Department at 41600 Six Mile Road. There is no paperwork required and the bin can be accessed 24/7. When the drop box is full, collections are picked up for disposal by the Drug Enforcement Authority.

At Home

Secretary of State MiTimeLine appointment system

Why wait in line? The Secretary of State now has a system available at several locations where residents can make an appointment or hold your place in line. [Check locations online](#). To [schedule an appointment](#) and they will call or text you when your turn is coming up!

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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