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Parks & Recreation Commission - Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m. - Township Hall

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City Council recap of Sept. 18, 2017



Photo By Liz Cezat

At the City Council meeting, Mayor Ken Roth congratulates the team who saved the life of Charles Gevirtz. From left: Jeffrey Potter and Holly Leverton, of the Community EMS crew; Firefighter/paramedic Aaron O'Donnell and Lt. Matthew Samhat, both of the Northville Fire Dept.; (Police Chief Mike Carlson), Northville Police Officers Matt Duggins and Ken DeLano; and Ryan Figueroa, who performed CPR.

Citizen's comments - Frank Bauss, of 125 North Rogers St., stated there are several dead trees on his property that he wants to remove but can't do so because his permit application has not been approved.

Recognition of lifesaving efforts - The City Council recognized the lifesaving efforts of those who helped revive Charles Gevirtz following cardiac arrest on July 13 and Mayor Ken Roth personally congratulated them and gave each a City of Northville Life Saving Award certificate.

Those honored were Lt. Matthew Samhat and firefighter/paramedic Aaron O'Donnell, both of the Northville Fire Dept.; Jeffrey Potter and Holly Leverton, of the Community EMS crew; Ryan Figueroa, who performed CPR; and Northville Police Officers Matt Duggins and Ken DeLano.

The happy survivor Charles Gevirtz thanked all involved, saying if it wasn't for their help, he wouldn't be standing there today and anticipating the wedding to his fiancé Victoria Volyanyuk, who was in the audience.

Lot split appeal - City Council affirmed the Northville Planning Commission's approval, with conditions, of the lot splits to parcels 376 and 377 at Dubuar and Rogers Street. Those conditions state that the applicant must provide financial

guarantees for the construction of a road and retaining wall to provide access to the parcels.

Police Dept. formalizes agreement with Wayne County SWOT - City Council agreed that the Northville Police Department should enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team (WWCSOT) to formalize the participation of police officers and firefighters on the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team.

Fire Dept. formalizes communications agreement with state - City Council agreed that the City of Northville Fire Dept. should enter into its own subscriber agreement with the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS). Until now, the City was included in Northville Township Fire Dept.'s agreement with the state.

150th anniversary celebration - Mayor Ken Roth publicly thanked Michele Fecht for organizing the event.

Watch the video here.



Photo by Liz Cezat

Here is the team of life savers with happy survivor Charles Gevirtz and his fiancé Victoria Volyanyuk.

City of Northville celebrates 150th Anniversary of its founding as a village



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Michele Fecht (at microphone) was the volunteer coordinator of 150th anniversary activities, including making arrangements for the Dodworth Saxhorn Band to play.

History came to life at this year's Heritage Festival as the City of Northville officially celebrated its 150th anniversary of becoming a village in 1867. (It became a city in 1955.) The Village of Northville came into being when early settlers moved north from neighboring Plymouth, which celebrates its 150th anniversary as a city this year.

The City was one of the earliest manufacturing hubs in southeast Michigan, making parts for vehicles and even planes. It was located on a well-connected transportation route that allowed travel by street cars, trains and motor cars. Northville was an innovative and industrious small town at the turn of the 19th century and continues to thrive today, in the 21st century.

On Friday, Sept. 15, third grade children from Northville schools marched in period customs in the annual Victorian Parade, accompanied by others who have an interest in portraying the Victorian culture of earlier times.

In the morning of Sept. 16, tours were held at the Water Wheel Centre as groups explored the inside of the former Ford valve plant which was converted into offices about 13 years ago. The building preserves the character of the original plant. It houses HKS Architects, inFORM Studio, both part of the tour, as well as Planet Fitness and other businesses. HKS is LEED certified - demonstrating that historic renovations can be environmentally friendly.

A historic commemoration was held in the afternoon in Town Square. Northville Mayor Ken Roth spoke about the history of the City, including notable events, business deals, and the people whose vision and actions made this City one that we can all be proud of. He noted that many street signs are named after the City's influential people.

After the mayor's speech, the Dodworth Saxhorn Band performed a rousing concert on percussion instruments built in the 1800s, with skits that gave another dimension to national events in the early 1900s.

In the late afternoon, Northville's vintage team, The Eclipse, beat the Monitor Base Ball Club of Chelsea 4-3 on Ford Field. The Eclipse was formed in 2002 as the namesake of Northville's first baseball club, which began playing ball in 1867.

An afternoon of events was held Sunday, Sept. 17, at Mill Race Village, with buildings open for tours, a duck race and a Crème Tea.

Banners throughout town marked the 150th anniversary and placards in store fronts told the story of early Northville. The Northville Chamber of Commerce managed the Heritage Festival activities and coordinated with Michele Fecht, of Northville, on historic 150th commemoration events.

Heritage Festival 2017 was a delight

Organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the Heritage Festival featured live music, an evening beer tent on Friday and Saturday, kiddie rides, entertainers, a petting zoo and more. Many kids and adults dressed in Victorian clothing. Thousands enjoyed beautiful weather while taking in the activities and meeting up with friends and family members to enjoy the ambiance of the event and the City.



Heritage Festival photos by Liz Cezat

Pam Cameron takes new role with seniors

The new Senior Services Supervisor in Northville, Pam Cameron, has a vision to bring seniors closer together through socializing and by helping healthy seniors explore new forms of exercise.

Her first test was the year's biggest annual event, held soon after she started. It was the Senior Fest in June, which drew about 200 guests and 30 vendors. "The event was very energetic and the seniors and our volunteer staff were open to my ideas. It was warm and welcoming. It gave me a lot of encouragement." It was also the first time many of the seniors had met her.

"The community and the center are top-notch," said Cameron, who earned a B.S. in Physical Education from Grand Valley State University and a Master's degree in Administration of Leisure Services from the University of Illinois.

Her education gave her "the knowledge and the organizational aspect of the position," she said. "But, you learn as you go."

Cameron has worked with seniors for the past 15 years - putting on programs in Canton, then planning day trips in Pittsfield Township. She also led senior adults in exercise as a personal trainer in her own home-based business. She also coached high school girls' softball. Her background in fitness, special events, programming, sports and trips are all combined into her current position.

"This is my ideal, dream job," she said.



Photo by Liz Cezat

Pam Cameron stands near the prizes donated by area vendors for the Senior Fest.

Cameron is inspired by her predecessor, Suzie Johnson, who moved to Virginia for her husband's job. "I knew Suzie - we worked on the same committee for the Senior

Olympics," Cameron said. "I was drawn to the programs that she had established and the facilities."

Her goal is to expand on the current program and also invite seniors to socialize with one another at the Northville Community Center. They can drop in when the building is open to play cards, assemble puzzles, ask questions of staff, or sit and visit with friends and others. The more active seniors enjoy playing pickleball, volleyball and doing line-dancing. A "Drums Alive" program recently started and seniors are clamoring to try it.

She also wants to get seniors involved in the arts. She recently spoke with Erin Maten, director of operations for the Northville Art House, about introducing seniors to painting. Details are still being worked out, but the Community Center could serve as a gateway to classes and exhibits offered by the Northville Art House.

"I look at programs as steps to growth. I start at the beginning and grow them and see how far they can go," she said. "I like to start with the seeds of different opportunities and events.

"There are a lot of youthful seniors here. So many people like to dance. I really like the active part of Northville. People are very healthy and fit," she said.

For seniors who live with chronic pain, impaired physical mobility or dementia, programs are adaptive to suit their needs. So-called silver classes assess the capabilities of individuals in the classes and make the setting more suitable for their needs, whether they need to sit in a chair to perform exercises or use lighter rather than heavier weights.

Most programming at the community center is accessible for people who use wheelchairs or walkers. Larger community events often draw people from nearby senior residential centers. People can come with their aides at no extra cost.

Cameron oversees the transportation program, while coordinator Erin Dobson schedules the routes, which can get complicated. (See senior bus ride article in this issue.)

Registration for the senior programs can be done online through Parks and Recreation or at either facility (Northville Community Center or Hillside Recreation Center). For free programs, registration can be done over the phone.

Cameron credits her staff with helping programs run smoothly and being friendly and helpful to seniors. Among them are Cheryl Swies, Health and Wellness coordinator, and fitness instructors who are highly qualified.

"The front office crew, Sue Wilson and Debbie Luterek, are so valuable; they can answer all the questions and they really sell our programs. Our building attendants do a great job keeping things looking nice and clean. They also set up all the rooms for events and programs."

A native of Grandville, Cameron resides in Canton with her husband Mike. They have two sons in college.

Senior bus rides ease the way for medical appointments and errands

Senior Services manages a fleet of four SMART, 13-passenger buses. There are seven drivers, most of whom are retired and work part-time. To ride these buses, individuals must be 60 years or older or have a documented disability and live in the city or township of Northville.

The buses run daily for local trips - up to an 8-mile, one-way trip for medical needs or up to 4 miles one-way for shopping, salon visits and all other non-medical runs. The cost ranges from \$1 to \$4 one-way, depending on the distance and whether it's a medical or non-medical run. Stops along the way are allowed, if time permits, and cost an extra \$2 per stop. The buses can be scheduled for runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

It's door-to-door service from the senior rider's home. Drivers pick up an individual, drive them to their appointment, then return at an appointed time to pick them up. A St. John/Providence Ascension grant allows people to get a \$2 reduced rate for medical purposes. Rides that depart and return to the Community Center are \$1 for a one-way ride.

To schedule a ride, call 248-449-9934 between 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Reservations must be made two days in advance. Medical appointments receive priority scheduling. Transportation punch cards are also available so riders don't have to carry bus fare.

Events / Things to Do



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 Michiganmade 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.

Through early October (open during regular library hours) 150 Years. Celebrate the History of Northville. 1867 - 2017 Northville District Library

View a display of historic photos that show the people, places, events and things that have made Northville a distinctive Midwestern city.

Library historian Wendy Mutch put together a beautiful bound book of the Northville Record's Centennial Edition, published in 1969, which recounts Northville's first 100 years. It is available for viewing in the library.

There are also books on Northville history available for check-out.

Events, times and locations may change. Watch the websites and social media sites of the City of Northville, Chamber of Commerce and Mill Race Village for updates.



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 <u>Tour de Ville</u> 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).

Saturday, Sept. 23 AAUW Northville-Novi Home Tour



Satisfy Curiosity, Get Inspired, Live Vicariously at the 21st Northville-Novi Home Tour. Be ready to walk through when the doors open to five private Northville residences on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A \$20 tax-deductible donation is your key to this highly anticipated, exciting self-guided tour.

Docents will guide you through a Victorian-era Queen Anne style home; a home with a story

to tell in family heirlooms; a professionally decorated lake condo; a former model home with builder details and special items collected from Asian travels; and a large designer home that has a game room, workout room, home theater and wine cellar. Two homes have new Epiphany kitchens. For a delicious reminder of the event, \$5 recipe books will be available for purchase at one of the homes.

Two downtown Northville businesses will add to the fun. The Lace Museum of Detroit is extending its hours for ticket holders. Stroll through a rare collection of European and American 19th century handmade lace in a salon-style setting where special pieces are for sale. Conveniently located across the street, you're invited to enjoy complimentary refreshments and 10% off all purchases at Starring "The Gallery" from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Many local businesses sponsor the annual tour, which is the major fundraiser for the Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUWNN). Funds support activities to advance equity and empower women and girls through community outreach projects. To discover more about this organization, visit here.

Go to the website and click on **Buy Tickets Now!** Buy tickets from an AAUWNN member or purchase tickets at the following businesses:

• Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St., Northville (Also, tickets can be picked up here on tour day from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

- Gardenviews, 117 E. Main St., Northville
- Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main St., Northville
- Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 Ten Mile Road, Novi

Tickets may be purchased from display homes on tour day, but availability is not guaranteed. Although credit cards may be used online, tickets purchased at stores or display homes require cash or check. For more information or questions, contact Jane Hecker, Home Tour Chair, at 734-276-6160 or by email.

Saturday, Sept. 23 Household Hazardous Waste collection and electronics drop-off 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. 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.



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 AllMedia 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.

Friday, Oct. 6 Skeletons Are Alive in Downtown Northville! Town Square (across from Great Harvest Bread) 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Join us for the kick off of Skeleton's are Alive! Over 120 life sized skeletons await you in Downtown Northville. Live music, dancing, and food trucks. The skeletons will be up throughout the month of October. Don't miss out.



Later in the month Northville is the home to a Costume Parade and downtown Trick-or-Treat event or join us for a Halloween Tea or Corn Maze. We guarantee that you will have a spooktacular October in Northville! For more information visit the calendar section of our website.



Friday, Oct. 6 First Friday Experience Downtown Northville

The first Friday of every month the merchants of Downtown Northville welcome you to browse their galleries and boutiques. You'll be greeted with featured artists, trunk shows, demonstrations, and specialty products.

Make a date to spend the evening in Downtown Northville - grab a bite to eat at one of our many restaurants, stroll our picturesque streets, do a little shopping, and learn about a new art style. It's

a great way to spend a Friday night with family and friends!

Participating Galleries

The following galleries, as well as a variety of other boutiques and restaurants, participate each month in the First Friday Experience. Please visit each gallery's website for more information on events taking place at their business.

Dancing Eye Gallery

101 N. Center (248) 449-7086 Website

Northville Art House

215 W. Cady (248) 344-0497 Website

Northville Gallery

123 E. Main (248) 465-9630

Starring "The Gallery"

118 W. Main (248) 347-1642 Website

Tiffany Art Glass

121 E. Main (2nd floor) (248) 349-2777 Website

Also Worth Mentioning

The First Friday Experience is not just for gallery lovers; it's a great way to relax on a Friday evening. In addition to our galleries, we have many restaurants and business that support the First Friday Experience and are open until at least 8 p.m. You will find special events such as artists and musicians on hand at some and others simply invite you to come in and eat or shop. These include:

Bricks of Northville ~ Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar ~ Celebrity Pets Company ~ Center Street Grille ~ D & D Bicycle & Hockey ~ Garage Grill & Fuel Bar ~ Gardenviews ~ Joseph's Coney Island ~ Koji ~ Le George ~ Lorla's ~ Lucy and the Wolf ~ Massage Green ~ My Little Paris Cafe and Bookstore ~ New Bangkok Cuisine ~ Northville Square ~ Northville Sports Den ~ Orin Jewelers ~ Pearaphernalia ~ Poole's Tavern ~ Rebecca's Family Restaurant & Ice Cream Parlor ~ Salon Tre Bella V ~ Simply Wine ~ Studio 170 ~ Table 5 ~ The Bee's Knees ~ Tirami Su Ristorante Italiano ~ Tuscan Café ~ Urban Optiques Vision & Eyewear ~ Van Dam's Boutique ~ Wok Asian Bistro

Saturday October 7 Paddle the Rouge River with Friends of the Rouge



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, 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.

Business

Scheduling online inspections

Contractors and homeowners in the City of Northville may schedule inspections using the new <u>online inspection portal</u>. The portal allows users to request all types of inspections, such as building, electrical, plumbing and heating. Users must have their assigned permit number when using the inspection portal.

If you are requesting an inspection for the following business day, it must be scheduled 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 the City's bank by which the amount due is deducted from the customer's account each due date. Sign up online or call 248-449-9901 with questions.

Around Town

What to do if a water main breaks

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 the location. The sooner the leak is identified and reported, the quicker it can be repaired.

At Home

Free home fire safety review

The Northville City Fire Department, which serves the Cities of Northville and Plymouth, offers free home fire safety reviews. Contact the Department at 248-449-9920 to schedule an appointment. 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. 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, <u>please check our website for details</u> 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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