



October 5, 2017

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## Meetings

**Youth Assistance** - Tuesday, Oct. 10, 8 a.m. - Community Center

**Housing Commission** - Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6 p.m. - Allen Terrace

**Arts Commission** - Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m. - Art House

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

## This Just In...

### City Council recap Oct. 2, 2017 meeting

The City Council presented **Lynda Heaton** with a proclamation for serving 25 years as a board member on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).



**City Council approved awarding a contract** to Commonwealth Heritage Group, architectural consultants, in the amount of \$30,437 to conduct an intensive-level survey of 343 homes and other buildings in the Historic District and prepare a new local historic district report. Prior to finalizing the contract, a section of the contract is under review and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) also must approve the vendor. The scope and goals of the survey and report are on the [City's website](#).

**City Council approved the tentative agreement reached with Police Command Officers (COAM)** for a labor contract that extends until Dec. 31, 2020, replacing the contract that expired on Dec. 31, 2016. The new contract has similar terms to other labor agreements approved earlier in the year by City Council.

**Financial Planning Consulting Services** - The City has several financial issues on the horizon, including funding legacy costs, the unlevied millage capacity, and infrastructure improvements. A financial strategic plan is needed to determine how to fund these improvements and major costs in the coming years. City Council agreed to use the consulting services of Vettraino Consulting and Municipal Analytics to provide this comprehensive plan at a not-to-exceed cost of \$14,690 plus expenses.

**Contract awarded for road repairs following utility work** - The 2017 Permanent Utility Cut Repair was awarded to S & J Asphalt Paving Company of Canton, Michigan, in the amount of \$26,140. Repairs will be made to 14 sections of streets, mostly residential, at the site of water main repairs and on roads where new water and sewer lines were installed. Initially, roads are repaired with cold patch. This second-phase repair smooths out the road surface with an extended area of asphalt for greater durability and a nicer appearance.

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## Fire Department hosts Open House during Fire Prevention Week



In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, the Northville City Fire Department will host an Open House at Station 1 in Northville, 215 W. Main Street, beginning Monday, Oct. 9 through Friday, October 13 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" stresses the importance of developing a home-escape plan and practicing it. The Fire Department works on behalf of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, to help educate the



community about fire safety.

"Planning ahead for an emergency is crucial. Practicing that plan helps everyone to react quickly, and safely escape in the event of a fire," said Steve Ott, chief of the Northville City Fire Department, which serves the Cities of Northville and Plymouth.

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home.

In order to give residents an opportunity to practice their home escape plans, the Department will conduct a special event at Station 1 the evening of Wednesday, October 11. When the weather warning siren sounds at 6 p.m., practice your home escape plan and gather at your designated meeting place. Then, bring a copy of your plan to the Station, participate in special fire safety activities, enjoy some treats and be entered into a drawing for "Lunch with the Firefighters."

To learn more about Fire Prevention Week, or to print out materials to help you develop your home escape plan, please [visit their website](#).

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**Northville school kids took part in annual Walk to School Day on Oct. 4**





Northville Mayor Ken Roth (pictured) and Moraine Elementary School Principal Dr. Denise Bryan led students in a walk from the corner of East Chidwigen and Elsmere. Principle Marco Marando walked with kids from the corner of Center and Cumberland Drive to Amerman Elementary.

Walk to School Day is a collaboration between local officials and school district officials to make a positive impact in getting children to be more active. Just a little bit of extra movement before and after school can make a huge difference in a child's physical and mental well-being.

Walking to school provides exercise along the way and reduces greenhouse gases by not requiring a round-trip car ride. Kids who walk with friends and in groups build a camaraderie with their peers. If an adult walks with them, they have supervision and an adult to talk to. It may seem "old school," but the benefits are solid.

While this is a big one-day event around the country, kids are encouraged to walk to



and from school whenever they can.

## Events / Things to Do



### **Sunday, Oct. 8 Oakwood Cemetery**

#### **First national historic marker at Oakwood Cemetery to be unveiled**

The public is invited to attend the unveiling of the first national historic marker at Oakwood Cemetery Oct. 8 at 1:30 p.m. on Cady Street next to the Art House. Special guests will include members of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonies (NSDAC), which obtained a grant to produce the marker. The Sons of the American Revolution will conduct a color guard. A bagpiper will begin the dedication with trumpeters playing echo taps at the end.

NSDAC Member and author Kathleen Ripley Leo will read her poem about John Ovenshire, who is buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Linda Dagenhardt, a descendant of William Gregory, a soldier in the American Revolution who is also buried in the cemetery, will take part in the ceremony.

Afterwards, guests are invited to City Hall chambers for a reception and refreshments. RSVP to Arlene Robertson at: [arlenorob@aol.com](mailto:arlenorob@aol.com)

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### **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.

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.



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**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.

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**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: 248-344-0497 or [visit our website](#).

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**Friday, Oct. 6**  
**Skeletons Are Alive in Downtown Northville!**  
**Town Square (across from Great Harvest Bread)**  
**6 - 9 p.m.**

Join us for the kick-off of [Skeleton's are Alive!](#) with live music, dancing and food trucks and an





introduction to 120 life-sized skeletons. The skeletons will be up throughout October. Don't miss out.

Later in the month, Northville will host a costume parade and downtown Trick-or-Treat event. A Halloween tea and corn maze are also planned. Have a spooktacular October in Northville! For more information visit the [calendar section](#) of our website.

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### **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](#)

Many restaurants and business are open until at least 8 p.m. on First Fridays, and several have their own special events, such as artists and musicians. Among the businesses open late on First Friday are:

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 ~ Pear-aphernalia ~ 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

[Walking maps](#) are available at each business to help you find your way around.

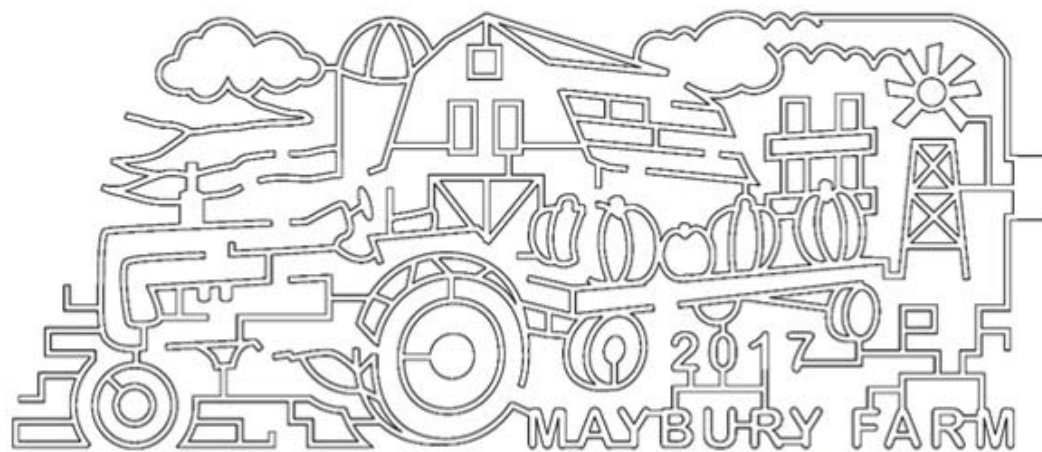
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**Get lost this fall  
at Maybury Farm**

**in our 10-ACRE CORN MAZE!**



**September 16 – October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Fridays 5:00-10:00pm

Saturdays 12:00-10:00pm

Sundays 12:00-7:00pm

**\$7.00 per person/ kids 2 & under FREE**

Tractor-drawn wagon ride  
out to Corn Maze and back!

U-Pick Pumpkin Patch  
opens Sept 29<sup>th</sup>!



Barns open until 7:00pm nightly!

Visit over 60 farm animals!

Parmenter's Cider  
& Donuts!

50165 8 Mile Rd, Northville 48167 / 248-916-3033 / [www.mayburyfarm.org](http://www.mayburyfarm.org)



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**Saturday, Oct. 7**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

**Wayne County Community College District - 21000 Northline, Taylor**  
**8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

This event is open to residents of the City of Northville (both Wayne County and Oakland County-based) and all other Wayne County Residents.

**Examples of 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, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice; cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

**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.

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**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.

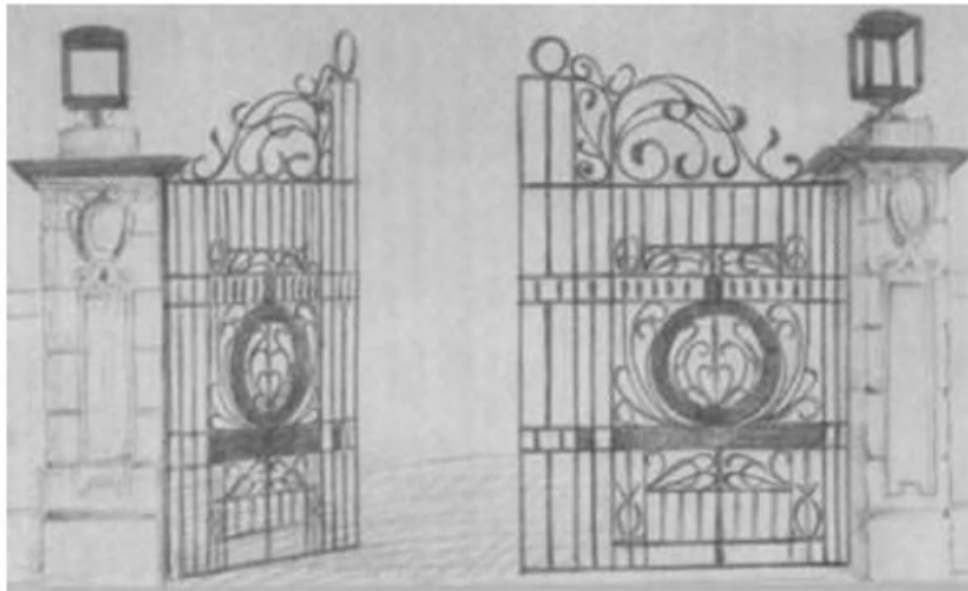
The tour is limited to experienced paddlers. To sign up, contact FOTR at 313-792-9621 or [spetrella@therouge.org](mailto:spetrella@therouge.org) (\$45 per canoe/\$10 bring your own).

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) 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.

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**COME ON IN!  
THE GATES ARE OPEN.  
NORTHVILLE CEMETERY WALK 2017  
AT RURAL HILL CEMETERY**



**SUNDAY, OCT 8, 2017 2 PM – 5 PM  
THE LEADERS AND LEGENDS OF  
NORTHVILLE**

Rural Hill is located off 7 Mile Rd between Center and Rogers.  
2 pm to 3 pm tours are family friendly. Please park in the lot at  
the front of the cemetery.

Buy your tickets at Mill Race Village, Knightsbridge or  
[www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org). 248-348-1845

Tickets \$10 for Members, \$15 for non-members, \$18 at the  
gate.

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## Residents of Wayne & Oakland County Attend Two FREE Workshops!

RSVP workshop title and date within one week of workshop to:  
[rsvp@allianceofrougecommunities.com](mailto:rsvp@allianceofrougecommunities.com) or 734-272-0291

Sponsored by:



### Stewards of The Rouge River Workshop



Learn how you can protect water quality at home.



**Wayne County residents attend:**

**October 11, 2017, 6 pm - 8 pm**

Walnut Room, Summit on the Park, Canton  
46000 Summit Parkway



**Oakland County residents attend:**

**October 26, 2017, 6 pm - 8 pm**

Public Library Meeting Room, West Bloomfield Twp.  
4600 Walnut Lake Road



The Alliance of Rouge Communities, or ARC, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization consisting of local municipalities, counties, educational institutions and stewardship groups working together to improve the Rouge River. Founded in 2005, the ARC is funded by membership dues from local governments and supported by grants. The ARC and its partners work cooperatively to meet water quality requirements mandated by the state's storm water permit and to restore beneficial uses, such as canoeing, fishing and other recreational activities, to the Rouge River. That means better water quality for less cost to its members!

Friday, Oct. 13 | 9am - 8pm  
Saturday, Oct. 14 | 9am - 5pm  
Handcrafters Fall Fair





**Northville Community Center - 303 W. Main  
St.**

Admission: \$3

12 & under: Free

With the smell of autumn in the air and jack-o-lanterns ready to be carved, the Fall Fair is your destination for the finest handmades, specialty foods, décor, and more!

[Read more...](#)

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# DON'T MISS! THE GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14  
10AM TO 5PM AT MAYBURY FARM



## FEATURING:



- Live Music by the High Street Band
- Pumpkin-Themed Games & Activities for Kids
- Pumpkin Painting
- Costume Contest
- Beeswax Candle Making
- Crafting Corn Husk Dolls
- Story Time & Sing-A-Long
- Face Painting
- Parmenter's Cider & Donuts
- Corn Maze
- Concessions
- Farm Animals

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CHILDREN 2 & UNDER ARE FREE

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## 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. Learn from 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**

Find out 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. 25**

**4:15 - 5:15 pm**

**Northville Community Center**

**Online registration begins: October 1 (Limit 140 attendees)**



[Howell Nature Center presents: Birds of Prey at The Northville Community Center](#)

*Sponsored by The Friends of Maybury State Park and the Northville District Library Youth Department.*

Discover the fascinating world of Michigan's birds of prey in this presentation featuring live hawks, owls, falcons and vultures. All ages are welcome. *Due to space limitations, library activities cannot accommodate special groups.*

[howellnaturecenter.org](http://howellnaturecenter.org)

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

### **Content Marketing: What to Say and How to Say It**

Discover 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.**



**Northville Holiday Home tour tickets  
now on sale**



## **Holiday Home Tour**

**Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

This event is a great way to get new decorating ideas for your home while also getting into the holiday spirit. Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour help fund the Northville Community Foundation's work in the community.

Guests of the Holiday Home Tour will tour five beautiful, privately owned Northville homes that have been decorated to the max for the holidays. With homes ranging from a traditional condo to a home with industrial chic flavor-- this year's tour has a range of intriguing decors. One home is replete with unique artist-made accessories, another had a complete custom renovation of the first and second floors. Added holiday décor from Pear-Aphernalia, Williams Sonoma, Gardenviews, and others make these gorgeous homes even more stunning.

The 2017 Holiday Home Tour will also feature a refreshment stop at the Tipping Point Theatre in Downtown Northville. Guests can enjoy light refreshments courtesy of the Northville Meijer, and also enter to win two tickets to a future Tipping Point Theatre production.

Tickets for the 2017 Holiday Home Tour are just \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of. To purchase tickets in advance, visit Pear-Aphernalia, Gardenviews, Haven of Northville, or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. [Tickets may also be purchased online](#) or by phone: 248-374-0200. Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out nearly every year.

Since 1997, the Northville Community Foundation has annually made grants to support nonprofit organizations serving the community, awarded scholarships to local students, organized and executed the Northville Independence Day Parade. The foundation also operates Maybury Farm, a working farm that strives to connect the community to animals and agriculture through engaging and educational experiences. For more information, [please visit their website](#).

## **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 here](#). 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. Credit Cards: 3% fee (minimum \$2). E-Checks: flat fee of \$3, up to \$10,000 or flat fee of



\$10, anything over \$10,000.

## **Around Town**

### **Historic Resource Council 2017 Directory is available**

City Hall has a copy of the Historic Resource Council 2017 Directory, which lists architects, contractors, suppliers and others who specialize in historic preservation, rehabilitation and adaptation of historic structures and houses. This directory will interest residents of historic homes, owners of businesses in historic buildings and others who own property or are involved in the City's Historic District. The book can be viewed at City Hall and will be available during Historic District Commission (HDC) meetings.

The directory can also be viewed online at [Michigan Historic Preservation Network's website](#). (see the publications page).

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### **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**

### **Leaves, leaves - don't rake them into the street yet**

Due to changing weather patterns, the leaves are falling fast this year. If residents want to rake leaves, they can put them into compost bags and set the bags at the curb on trash day. Or, they can wait for leaf collection to begin. For Area A, north of 8 Mile, that's Oct. 30 and Nov. 27; for Area B, south of 8 Mile, it's Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. At that time, residents can rake leaves into the street the weekend before their scheduled pick-up.

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### **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.

Roots, stumps dirt, lumber, railroad ties or any wood with metal in it won't be collected at curbside. Dispose of firewood pieces and stumps with normal weekly garbage (maximum 35 gallon cans and 60 lb. weight limit).

Residents have the responsibility to rake up small branches after the large brush piles are removed.

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## **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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## **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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### Get social with City Hall online

Follow our Facebook page ([Northville City Hall, Michigan](#)) and our Twitter account [@NorthvilleCity](#).



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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