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This Just In...

City Council recap of Oct. 16, 2017

Historic District Commission - City Council heard the first reading of an ordinance to amend chapter 42 of Historic Preservation Article II, which would allow the mayor or an alternate (appointed by the mayor and confirmed by City Council) to serve on the Historic District Commission and become chairperson of the HDC. Currently, it is the mayor or a City Council member who serves. In addition, new language indicates the actions to be taken to remove a commission member.

Taxicabs - A recommendation was made by the City Clerk to repeal the ordinance that regulates taxi cab fees and licenses, since the fees and regulations are now managed by the state. This refers to Chapter 94 Vehicles for Hire, Article II Taxicabs. The second reading and potential adoption will be at the Nov. 6 meeting.

International Fire Code - City Council approved the first reading of Fire Chief Steve Ott's request to adopt the latest edition (2015) of the International Fire Code, replacing the 2012 edition, in the Northville Code of Ordinances. It likely will be adopted at the Nov. 6 meeting.

Fire Department hosts Open House during Fire Prevention Week



Photo by NCFD photographer Matt Zmuda

Parents and children watched as Northville firefighters demonstrated putting out the flames of a small-scale house.

More than 1,100 people visited the City of Northville Fire Department Station #1 Open House Oct. 9-13, during national Fire Prevention Week, which was sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" was conveyed through exhibits and demos at the fire house and at a City-wide, self-conducted fire and safety drill on Oct. 11, which began at 6 p.m. when a blast from the outdoor warning

siren alerted residents to begin practicing their exit plans at home. After the drill, residents were invited to bring their plans to the fire station for review.

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.



Photo by Liz Cezat

Firefighter/EMT Adam Papacs assists Luke Gorman in operating a hose to knock out the painted flames of a house in a kid-friendly demonstration.

Drill participants also could submit their children's names to have "Lunch with the Firefighters" on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Fire Station #1 on Main Street. Winners of the drawing are Reid Woloszyn-OLV, Ava Dabaja- Moraine, Aidan Stover-Amerman, and Andrew Crain-Amerman. They will be picked up from school in a fire truck and driven to the fire station. It will likely be an incredible childhood experience.

[Click here to print out materials to help you develop a home escape plan.](#)

Use your voice. Exercise your right to vote on Nov. 7

The City of Northville holds an election on Nov. 7 to enable registered voters to cast their ballot for mayor and two city council members, and decide on a bond issue for the Northville Public Schools.



Those who live in Oakland County vote at Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center Street, Precinct 2. Residents who live in Wayne County vote at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street, Precinct 1. Precincts are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; if you are in line during those times, you will be assured the right to vote.

You may vote by Absent Voter Ballot (AVB) if you meet one of the following criteria:

- age 60 years old or older
- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- will be out of town on election day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to go to the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector outside of your precinct of residence.

City Hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, for absent voter ballot purposes only. Requests for an absent voter ballot must be received by the City of Northville clerk no later than 2 p.m. that day.

If an individual obtains an absent voter ballot on Monday, Nov. 6, by 4 p.m., they must vote the absent voter ballot at City Hall that day and cannot take the ballot out of the building.

Absent voter ballots can be returned by mail or hand delivered to City Hall by 8 p.m. on Nov. 7.

To find out if you are registered to vote, [visit the Michigan Voter Information Center.](#)

[View information about the ballot here.](#)

Northville High School Community Open House

Information and discussion about the Northville Schools bond proposal will be offered on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 1-3 p.m during the Northville High School Community Open House, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville.

According to the Northville School Board, the \$104.85 million bond proposal on the Nov. 7 ballot will upgrade school facilities and sites, enhance existing building security, and provide modern learning environments throughout the district. The Board also estimates that the school district will be able to maintain the existing school debt levy (3.64 mills) and issue the bonds with no increase to the current debt millage rate.

Events / Things to Do



Photo by Liz Cezat

Every Thursday through Oct. 26 Farmers' Market 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Shop for fresh, locally sourced produce and top-quality cheese, fish, jam, baked goods and other edibles from farmers and merchants. There are more than 70 stalls of Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products. In addition, fine juried crafters and vendors sell garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking and home accessories.

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.



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.

The Northville Art House is proud to showcase potter David Breuch, a self-taught artist and potter. Born and raised in Madison, WI, Breuch received a scholarship for combined excellence in arts and athletics. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and practicing attorney. He was drawn to raku while attending open studio times at Delta College, BBAC and Schoolcraft College.

Breuch's pieces reflect an influence from patterns found in nature, including raku fired forms with spontaneous, semi-controlled finishes using natural fibers such as horse hair.

"I'm drawn to the method for its spontaneity and the natural patterns that seem to result," he said.

Breuch also is a student of the Northville Art House dabbling in watercolor under instructor Jennifer Helner, whose influence and encouragement led Breuch to pursue his passion for art.

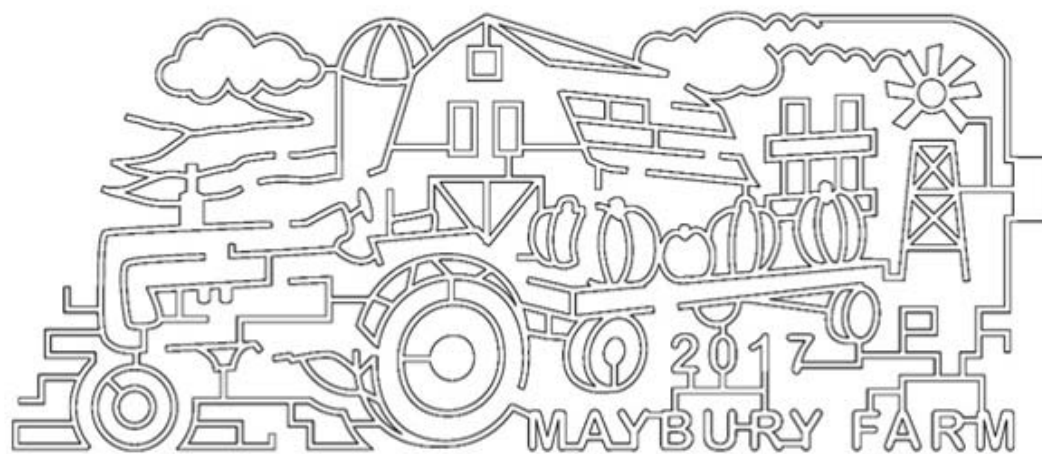
Now a Novi resident, Breuch is excited to display and sell his pottery at the Northville Art House for the first time. His work is in many private residences throughout the country and has been favorably auctioned in charitable fundraising events.

The Art House store is open Tuesday through Friday from 12 - 5 p.m., Saturdays from 12 - 4 p.m. and every First Friday of the month from 6 - 9 p.m. The store features the work of more than 40 local artists. Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or [visit our website](#).



**Get lost this fall
at Maybury Farm**

in our 10-ACRE CORN MAZE!



September 16 – October 29th

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 29th!



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

Rescheduled due to rain!
Saturday, Oct. 21st

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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FESTIVAL & FARM ADMISSION: \$5.00
FESTIVAL, FARM, & CORN MAZE WITH WAGON RIDE: \$8.00
CHILDREN 2 & UNDER ARE FREE

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National Weather Service Winter Spotter

Training class

**Saturday, Oct. 21
10 a.m. - noon
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford**

During the course, National Weather Service instructors will present the 2017-2018 winter weather outlook; teach spotters how to measure snowfall and estimate ice accumulation and wind speeds; discuss winter weather meteorology and climatology; and review guidelines and reporting procedures.

The training class enables Oakland County to increase the number of individuals who will alert the community to winter storm conditions. To register, call 248-858-5300. Seating is limited.



**Stewards of the Rouge River Workshop
Thursday, Oct. 26
6 to 8 p.m.
for Oakland County residents**

Attend a free workshop at the West Bloomfield Township Public Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road, on Oct. 26. The workshop for Wayne County residents was held Oct. 11. RSVP to 734.272.0291 or

rsvp@allianceofrougecommunities.com one

week prior to the workshop. The event is sponsored by the Alliance of Rouge Communities.



**Wednesday, Oct. 25
4:15 - 5:15 pm
Northville Community Center
Online registration (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. [Visit the Howell Nature Center website for more information.](#)



Saturday, Oct. 28
Kids' Costume Parade and Streets of Treats
Northville Community Center - 303 W. Main Street
9:30 a.m.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Northville Central Business Association and Northville Downtown Development Authority for this event. Kids and parents are invited to participate in the Kids' Costume Parade and Streets of Treats. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Following the parade, take your kids and grandkids trick or treating at downtown businesses from 10 a.m. to noon. While you're in the downtown area, don't miss the amazing skeletons. This event is free and open to the public.



Monday, Oct. 30
Leaf Collection Begins

Street leaf collection begins for residents north of 8 mile on Oct. 30, with a second pick-up on Nov. 27; for residents south of 8 Mile, the pick-up dates are Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. At that time, residents can rake leaves into the street the weekend before their scheduled pick-up.

If residents want to rake leaves, they can put them in compost bags and set the bags at the curb on trash day.

Please contact DPW at 248-449-9930 with questions or [visit our website.](#)



Tuesday, Oct. 31
Halloween Night
Trick-or-Treating Hours - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Street Closures - 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On Halloween Night, several streets will be closed to vehicular traffic in an effort to ensure the safest conditions for the children.

No vehicles will be allowed to enter or leave the following areas between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Please plan accordingly.

- Main Street (Wing to Rogers)
- Dunlap Street (Wing to Rogers)
- Linden Street (Main to Randolph)
- West Street (Main to Randolph)
- High Street (Main to Randolph)
- Linden Court (Linden to the end)
- Dubuar Street (Linden to the west end)
- N. Rogers Street (W. Main to Potomac)

Stop by the Fire Department for treats and then head next door to the Community Center for a costume contest at 7:30 p.m.



Nov. 3 - Dec. 16

Northville Art House announces the Small Works Juried All-Media Exhibition

Be a pART of it! The Northville Art House announces the biennial Small Works Juried All-Media Exhibition featuring more than 150 works by 55 artists from Michigan and around the country. The exhibition includes photography, paintings, ceramics, fibers, jewelry and more - all measure 12 inches or less in all dimensions. All works are for sale and most can be purchased for less than \$300, making them perfect holiday gifts. Purchased art is available to take home starting on Dec. 1 at the First Friday Reception.

Small Works opens with a public reception on Friday, Nov. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. with an awards presentation at 7 p.m. A second reception will be held Friday, Dec. 1, from 6 - 9 p.m. Both receptions will feature appetizers, refreshments and a free make-and-take art activity led by Art House instructor Maria Latour.

The exhibit cannot be viewed Wed., Nov. 22 - Mon., Nov. 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Otherwise, you can visit Tuesday through Friday from 12-5 p.m. and Saturdays from 12-4 p.m., up until Dec. 16, when the exhibit ends. The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street, admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, [visit the Northville Art House website](#) or call 248-344-0497

during business hours - same time as gallery hours.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lunchtime Lecture Series, part 2
Content Marketing: What to Say and How to Say It
Northville District Library



Bring a brown bag lunch for this lunchtime series on how best to use social media to get new business. Learn from Candy Jones-Guerin, Constant Contact presenter. 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. - 4 p.m.
Nov. 18, 10 a.m. - 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 \$25 in advance and \$30 on tour day. 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](#).



Holiday Lighted Parade & Greens Market

The Annual Northville Hometown Holiday is a festive community celebration that kicks off the holiday season with the Holiday Lighted Parade, ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree in Town Square, and the Greens Market. See details below.

Holiday Lighted Parade - Friday, Nov. 17 6:30 p.m.

Join thousands of parade goers as the holiday season officially kicks off with the Holiday Lighted Parade. Bands, dancers, float and, of course, Santa, make this annual favorite a great family tradition.

Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by the official lighting of the tree and a chance to talk with Santa. Local churches will have hot chocolate and a family photo station available for parade goers. If your organization would like to participate in the parade [click here for application](#).



Greens Market Weekend
Friday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Get your home or business ready for the holiday season while supporting local Farmers' Market growers. Vendors will have holiday wreaths, roping, decor and accessories for sale.

Business

Sign up for automatic tax bill payment

Take advantage of automatic tax bill payment. Residents and businesses may pay their tax bills automatically by completing the online form.

Enroll in the program and your summer tax bill will be paid on Aug. 31. For the winter tax bill you designate the date of payment as either Dec. 31 or Feb. 14. By taking advantage of this program, your taxes will always be paid on time.

Participants in automatic bill payment of property taxes receive their tax bill in the mail on July 1 and Dec. 1 with a letter confirming when the withdrawal will be made from their account. PLEASE NOTE: This is a year-round program. Electronic Funds Payment is not available for only the summer tax or only the winter tax bill.

Tax & Assessing data lookup

You may retrieve tax and assessing data from the convenience of your home 24/7 by [visiting the City of Northville's website](#). If you have any questions, call the Tax & Assessing Office at 248-449-9901.

Accountability & Transparency

To meet the requirements for Accountability & Transparency under City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing/County Incentive Program (CVTRS/CIP), the City of Northville must certify to the Michigan Department of Treasury annually they have produced and made readily available to the public:

1. A Citizen's Guide of its most recent local finances, including recognition of its unfunded liabilities
2. A Performance Dashboard
3. A Debt Service Report containing a detailed listing of its debt service requirements, including, at a minimum, the issuance date, issuance amount, type of debt instrument, a listing of all revenues pledged to finance debt service by debt instrument, and a listing of the annual payment amounts until

maturity

4. A Projected Budget Report of revenues and expenditures including, at a minimum, the current fiscal year and a projection for the immediately following year and an explanation of the assumptions used for the projections

[The above documents may be found by visiting the City's website.](#)

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 online at [Michigan Historic Preservation Network's website](#) (see the publications page).

At Home

Yard signs

Signs cannot be placed in the right-of-way. They must be placed on your property, behind the sidewalk, or will be subject to removal. If you have any questions, please call Bill Barent, Ordinance Officer at 248-305-2707.

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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