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## Meetings

**Special Council Meeting** - Monday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

**Board of Zoning Appeals** - Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

## This Just In...

### New voting equipment to be used at Nov. 7 election

When voters go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7, they will use new voting equipment that make it easier and more secure to cast a ballot. The units, purchased using federal and state funds, replace machines that are 12 years old.

The new voting unit has a touch screen scanner with easy-to-follow directions. Voters will still mark a paper ballot using a blue or black pen. They will fill in the box instead of an oval next to their choice. When the ballot is complete, the voter will deliver it to a new tabulator, which confirms the vote with a picture of an American flag and the message "Your vote has been recorded. Thank you for voting."

The new equipment uses digital optical scan technology to count the paper ballots, which can also be recounted manually if necessary. The new equipment automatically transmits election results electronically to the county. It is not connected to the internet.

There is also a voter assist terminal for voters with physical disabilities (hearing, visual, physical or other conditions) that enable them to vote using a touch screen, sip and puff device, or a controller.

[View this video](#) produced by the Oakland County Clerk's office to see how the new equipment works.

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## **Allen Terrace's director is retiring, leaving behind one big happy family**



Photo by Liz Cezat

***Sherry Necelis says she will miss the camaraderie of the residents and visitors to Allen Terrace, the City-owned senior housing building she has managed since 2007.***

Sherry Necelis is retiring as housing director for the City of Northville on Oct. 31. A farewell party, open to the public, is planned for Monday, Oct. 30, at 1:30 p.m. at Allen Terrace, 401-A High Street.

Sherry has served in the position since 2007. She was interviewed for the job by the late Sue Hooper, who was then chairperson of the Housing Commission, along with City Manager Pat Sullivan. Hooper set up the computer library at Allen Terrace, which is named for her.

Sherry came to the job with 16 years of experience in senior housing, having worked at American House as a manager who trained other managers. She started her career at the Willow Tree women's clothing store on Biddle Street in Wyandotte.

As director, Sherry is responsible for handling leases for the 100 apartments at Allen Terrace. Office assistant Barbara Ziemba helps manage the office and greets visitors. Sherry credits Kevin Parks, maintenance manager, and Esther Martin, housekeeping, with keeping the facility clean and updated. She also relies on Margo Schmidt for additional maintenance tasks and oversight of the facility on evenings and weekends. Annually, she has contracted vendors to make major repairs or replacements, including updating the fire alarm system, the entrance ramp, parking lot, heating and cooling system, windows and more.

The facilities aspect of her job is balanced by the more nuanced role of taking care of the needs of residents age 55 and older. Daily, she is a problem-solver, cheerleader, and diplomate -creating a friendly, caring atmosphere. She wants residents to be happy living there - with a good balance of privacy and social activities. She takes a genuine interest in their well-being.

"I try to be positive at all times. Being negative doesn't help anybody," she said. "I really appreciate all the camaraderie here."

She also interacts with family members of residents to make sure the residents are getting what they need - both physically and emotionally. She strives to understand people's personalities and interests, so she can introduce residents to other residents and encourage them to pursue activities they enjoy. The building has a pool table, aforementioned computer library, book club, euchre and more. It also is a hub for Meals on Wheels with meals served in the dining room during the week.

Another part of her role is working with the Housing Commission, which meets at Allen Terrace monthly, September through June. She provides the information they need to make decisions about policies and procedures at the senior apartments. "They've been great," she said.

She stays informed on a myriad of senior issues, from Section 8 (low-income housing) and the Fair Housing Act to managing finances. She also handles disputes that sometimes erupt in a community of different personalities.

There's also a Resident Council that holds meetings for residents, many of which Sherry attends. They seek to resolve issues that arise and also plan social events, such as summer picnics and parties.

In her retirement, Sherry plans to visit with family and friends, vacation in Florida in the winter, and get her Lincoln Park home better organized.

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### **Tiny Pumpkins event brings out the creative spirit of Halloween**

Young kids, ages infant to five years old, flocked to the Northville Community Center on Oct. 24, dressed in dazzling costumes - including a lion, peacock and Wonder Woman - for the first annual Tiny Pumpkins event produced by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

Shannon Coker, recreation supervisor - operations, and Kayley Dahring, special events coordinator, organized the party. Coker dressed as the Cat in the Hat and served as the master of ceremonies. Parents and children had plenty to do, with various crafts, including making a spider web and decorating small pumpkins; listening to a Halloween story read by librarian Dorie Freebury from the Northville District Library; and snacking on cider and doughnuts. A clever backdrop of silver streamers and purple balloons, with bales of hay for seating, created a unique place for photo-ops.

The photos show the creativity that went into the costumes. It was a fun family event and good practice for the kids leading up to Halloween. On Saturday, Oct. 21, Parks and Rec held its Trick or Treat Trail, for the first time indoors at the Hillside Recreation Center. That also was a big hit with those who attended.



***Max Bass of Livonia***

Photos by Liz Cezat





*Shannon Coker, daughter Zaylee and husband Kyle got into the Halloween*



*From left: Amanda Eleitam and son Aidan, Sera Ismail and daughter Olivia, Josi Levy and son Giovana, and Row Mackie and son (Dr.) Nabih Basma.*

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**Northville Fire Station #1 hosts annual Lunch with the Firefighters**



From left, Wisam Dabaja and daughter Ava, from Moraine Elementary School, joined with Fire Chief Steve Ott; Aidan Stover, of Amerman (center); Reid Woloszyn, of Our Lady of Victory; and his father Rick to attend the lunch. Not pictured: Kerry Stover, mother of Aidan, (who was also taking this photo) and Andrew Crain, of Amerman, who couldn't attend. These four students won a chance to have lunch with firefighters during last week's Open House. A firetruck picked them up from school and brought them back to the fire station for lunch.

## 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



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**Thursday, Oct. 26**  
**Farmers' Market - Last Market Day of the Year**  
**8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Today is the last Farmer's Market of the year. If you hurry, you have until 3 p.m. to purchase fresh, locally sourced produce and top-quality food items 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](http://www.northvillechamber.com) at 248-349-7640.

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Photo by Liz Cezat

**Through Oct. 28**  
**9th Annual *West of Center* Juried All-Media Exhibition**  
**Northville Art House**

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. The exhibition includes paintings, photographs, sculpture and mixed media pieces created by 22 contemporary artists.

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**Nov. 3 - Dec. 16**  
**Small Works Juried All-Media Exhibition**

The biennial Small Works Juried All-Media Exhibition features 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 make a great holiday gift. 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. The reception will feature appetizers, refreshments and a free make-and-take art activity led by Art House instructor Maria Latour.

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](#).

**Also at the Art House:**  
**Exploring GOLDEN Textures and Pastes**

Artists will explore the versatility of GOLDEN acrylic paints, pastes, grounds and gels by creating multiple surfaces and learning ways to incorporate and layer texture into works of art. A variety of textures will be introduced and students will leave with several finished works. The workshop is Nov. 18 - 19 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: member: \$60; Nonmember: \$68. Additional \$45 materials fee payable to instructor.

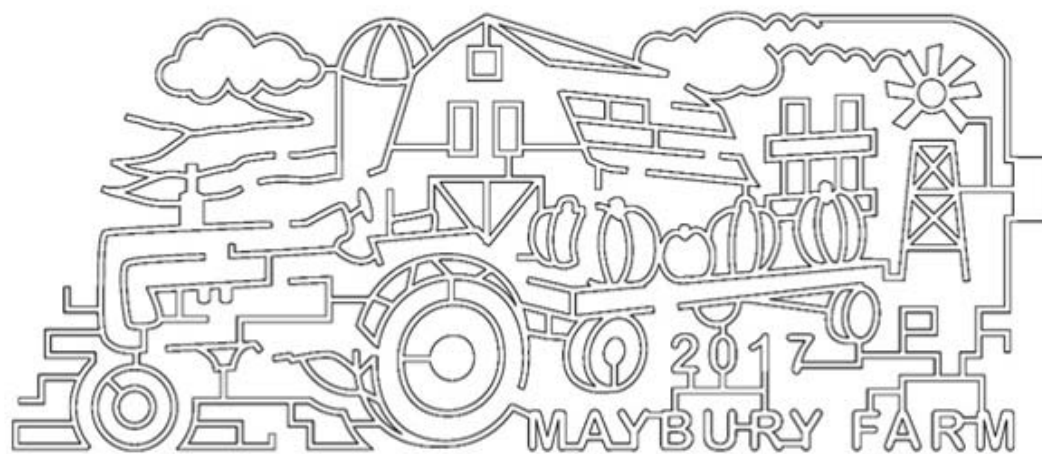
Register by phone or [online](#).

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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)



**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](mailto:rsvp@allianceofrougecommunities.com) one week prior to the workshop. The event is sponsored by the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

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**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.

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**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](#).

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**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 to help 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.

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**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.

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### **Holiday Home Tour**

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

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

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



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 our website](#).

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## 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**

### **Scheduling online inspections**

Contractors and homeowners in the City of Northville may [schedule inspections using the new online inspection portal](#). 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 3:30pm.

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### **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 our bank by which the amount due is deducted from the customer's account each due date. You can [sign up online](#) or call 248-449-9901 with questions.

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### **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**

### **Free home fire safety review**

The Northville City Fire Department, which serves the Cities of Northville and Plymouth, is pleased to offer home fire safety reviews. Simply 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. This is a free service.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that in 2014, structure fires caused 2,860 deaths, 13,425 injuries and \$9.8 billion in property damage. Home fire safety reviews can help reduce the risk of fire and its consequences.

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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**

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If you have comments or requests for specific news items, please e-mail Liz Cezat, Communications Manager, at [lcezat@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:lcezat@ci.northville.mi.us).

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