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Meetings

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

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

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

This Just In...

City Council Recap Dec. 4, 2017

Snow removal contract awarded - City Council approved a contract with Premium Lawn Solutions, of Ann Arbor, for \$8,440 to clear 14 City-owned lots during snow events of at least four inches. The cost covers four snowfalls. Additional snow plowing will be charged at \$2,105 per event. This price holds for the duration of the

three-year contract.

Transportation for ski club approved - The Parks and Recreation Dept. won City Council approval to continue using Trinity Transportation to transport 200 middle school and high school students from the Recreation Center at Hillside to the Mount Brighton Ski Area for the Ski and Snowboard Club's weekly trips. The new three-year contract will charge \$599 per motor coach in the first year, \$617 in the second year and \$635 in the third. There is also a \$100 cancellation fee and \$250 turn-around fee.

Website redesign contract approved - The City of Northville's website will be redesigned using the services of Civic Live, of Kansas City, MO. City Council approved a contract for \$14,400 with a \$2,000 onsite training component. The City's website is at least 10 years old and will be updated using responsive design, flexible forms, larger photos and an improved navigation system. Staff will be trained in using a content management system, which will save costs by not having to outsource copy placement and layout changes.

Easement amendment for new restaurant - City County approved easement changes that will allow Campus & Associates, the new owners of 158-160 E. Main St., to temporarily remove the City-owned cables that are affixed to the west wall facing Town Square so they can add windows and a balcony door. The building is being renovated to open as a Sicilian restaurant. The owners will reinstall cables after the work is finished - all done at their own expense. In the spring, the owners will replant ivy on that wall. In addition, a taller fence will replace an existing fence in the back of the restaurant. The Historic District Commission (HDC) approved the project on Oct. 18 and the owners expect final approval from the Planning Commission at its Dec. 5 meeting.

[Click here to view the meeting video.](#)

Residential Compost Collection Program is extended

Curbside pickup of compost will end Dec. 12. Place compost materials away from your trash and recyclables on your regular trash pickup day. If you have leaves that fell after the last street pickup, put them in paper compost bags and leave them at curbside or in 35-gallon containers marked "COMPOST" or with an "X". Do not put lids on the compost containers. Stickers for compost containers are available in the City Hall vestibule, which is open 24 hours a day.

The City does not collect containers that weigh more than 50 pounds or are larger than 35- gallons. Compost should not be placed in plastic bags.

Residents and businesses who park on city streets between 3 -5 a.m. need to obtain a parking permit before year-end

Parking is prohibited on city streets and municipal lots between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. If you need to park your vehicle on the street or in a lot overnight for an extended period of time, please [complete this application](#) and submit it to the Police Department to obtain a permit. If you have any outstanding parking tickets, you must pay those tickets before a permit will be issued.

Parking permits for neighborhood streets cost \$10 per month or \$120 per year; permits for the Central Business District are \$5 per month or \$60 per year. The deadline for obtaining an annual permit is Dec. 31, 2017. The permit comes with a parking sticker to be placed on the vehicle's upper left corner of the rear window.

Permits typically are used by people who come to work between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. in the Central Business District, and residents who have several cars and not enough driveway space to park them.

"The permit is part of an ordinance that ensures residents are not interrupted from any City services they would expect, such as snow removal, leaf removal and street sweeping. It also helps the Police Dept. identify suspicious vehicles and keeps the streets clear for emergency response," said Police Officer Scott Groff, who issues the permits.

If a home has a two-car driveway and three vehicles, the homeowner would need to purchase a permit if he or she plans to park one vehicle in the street.

If residents have a short-term parking concern, such as having a visitor, they can call Dispatch at 248-349-1234 and be added to the overnight parking list to avoid being issued a citation. However, this permission will not be granted on a continuous basis.

The Police Dept. issues 60 to 70 parking permits annually. If you park without a permit, you will be ticketed. Fines are \$5 if paid within seven days, \$15 after seven days, and \$40 after 21 days.

Area nonprofits invite guests to view their uniquely decorated trees

The Northville Community Center's Festival of Trees is underway. Visit weekdays and weekends when the building is open to see 10 trees beautifully decorated by area non-profits. There is no charge.

The living room of the community center has a glowing fire in the stone-front fireplace. Seniors are welcome to meet in the community space to visit, play cards, read, create crafts or put together puzzles. This holiday season, put the Community

Center on your list of places to visit and stay for a while.



Photos by Liz Cezat

A perfect setting to sit and talk, amidst the beauty of trees decorated by area nonprofits.



This tree was decorated by the Northville Township Beautification Commission.



Ten trees grace the living room of the Northville Community Center. Seniors are invited to use the community space in the building to do crafts and puzzles, play cards, read and socialize.

StoryVille offers holiday stories that warm the heart on cold winter days

StoryVille - taped recordings of holiday stories by local celebrities and civic leaders - is playing now in downtown Northville and will be here until the end of December. Dozens of merchants have stories playing right outside their storefront, accessed by a mobile device. Windows are decorated in the theme of the book.



Photos by Liz Cezat

How the Grinch Stole Christmas at Edwards Café and Caterers.

"StoryVille encourages families to come downtown and do something together. The event expands on the enjoyment of reading and brings creativity to the community," said Denise Jenkins, community outreach director for Preservation Dental. Jenkins brought the concept to Northville based on the Christmas stories read at stores in New York City and Chicago.

Dan Ferrara, co-owner of Northville Gallery, made sure all the locations in town were set up properly with speakers connected to their own wireless devices. Contributing sponsors are Preservation Dental, NCBA, Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

My Little Paris Café and Bookstore ordered all of the holiday books so people can purchase their favorites right downtown. The Northville District Library also has

copies of most books.



Thomas Benadier, owner of My Little Paris Cafe & Bookstore, has all of the StoryVille books for sale.



My Little Paris Café & Bookstore has a cozy corner for Madeline fans.

StoryVille 2017 - [Hear a preview](#) of the stories and see where they are playing.

Events / Things to Do

Looking to explore a career in the fire/medical service?

Have fun while you learn about the Explorers.

Let us show you how you can learn the skills to be part of this exciting career field and join peers with similar interests.



Join Us for an Open House

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017

6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**NORTHVILLE FIRE DEPT.
215 W. MAIN ST., NORTHVILLE,
RSVP: 248-449-9902**



Please call if you have questions or need directions to the station.

Friday, Dec. 8 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 10 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Handcrafters Tinsel & Treasures Craft Show
Northville Community Center, 202 West Main Street

Ranked in the Top 50 shows in the country, Tinsel & Treasures is a must-attend shopping experience. With handmade gifts for everyone on your list, you won't want to miss it.

Admission: \$4
12 & Under: free



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Through 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.

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](#).



Santa is at this house on weekend days. Stop by for a visit with the kids or grandkids.

Every Saturday and Sunday, December
2-23
Santa In Town Square
12 - 4 p.m.
Northville Town Square, 150 East Main
Street

Kids bring your wish list! Parents bring your

camera! Come tell Santa what you want for Christmas and then visit the downtown merchants to hear your favorite holiday story. See Storyville article above.



Dec. 9 & 10

Dec. 16 & 17

**Santa visits & open house at Maybury Farm
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily**

We look forward to celebrating the holidays with you. To say thank you for your support, we are offering free Santa visits at the farm. This year we are adding a free Holiday Open House for visitors of all ages to view the farm in its winter beauty. You can walk around the farm, through the barns, engage with the animals and notice how nature is preparing them with winter coats for the cold months ahead. Our general

store will be open and stocked with wonderful gifts and delicious treats, including warm cocoa and cider. We'll have a bonfire, activities for the kids and a family photo booth.

Due to the popularity of this event, reservations are suggested for families wanting to visit with Santa. Please click the link below to select a day and time for your family. You will receive a confirmation email upon registering and a reminder email two days before your visit. (Santa is getting really tech savvy!) Limited space for walk-ins will be available hourly.

[Click Here for Santa Visit Reservations](#)

This year, Santa's sleigh will be parked in our century-old barn. Enter the farm through the General Store, then walk out to the barn for your visit and take your own pictures. (There will be no professional photographer to take photos of children with Santa.) The barn is not fully heated so remember to dress for the weather.

There is no admission charge for this event but donations are welcome to support our educational work at Maybury Farm. If you have questions, please call 248-374-0200. [Click here for more information.](#)



Through Jan. 3, 2018

**Friends of the Rouge joins Newman's
Own Foundation \$500K holiday
challenge on CrowdRise**

Help Friends of the Rouge win \$150,000 by donating to its CrowdRise campaign. The Newman's Own Foundation \$500k Holiday Challenge is being conducted on CrowdRise, the largest crowdfunding platform for good. It is a friendly fundraising campaign for eligible U.S.-based 501(c)3 charities. Participating organizations will compete for \$500,000 in prize money.

Friends of the Rouge plans to use the funds to support communities making the Rouge River fishable and paddlable, beating back the spread of invasive plants and animals, and educating Metro Detroit children about stewarding their backyard river. Giving to this campaign will help restore the Rouge for future generations to enjoy.

The Holiday Challenge launched on Nov. 21 and runs through Jan. 3, 2018 at 1:59 p.m. There are 10 grand prizes up for grabs with the team that raises the most online winning \$150,000 and 10th place winning \$2,500. On #GivingTuesday an additional \$85,000 will be awarded to the top 3 charities. Plus, weekly Bonus Challenges enable charities to win up to another \$115,000.

CrowdRise Challenges are innovative fundraising competitions for charitable organizations designed to build capacity, create massive engagement and leverage, and use the power of the crowd to provide new meaningful funding streams for organizations in every sector.

[Click here to help Friends of the Rouge win the Newman's Own Foundation \\$500k Holiday Challenge.](#)

Business

Tree permits required

A permit from the Building Department may be required prior to cutting down any tree in the City of Northville. Before cutting down any tree, you must first make application to the Building Department to determine if a permit is required. The City will be enforcing this ordinance if trees are cut down without the required permit. To avoid enforcement action, please contact the City of Northville Building Department at 248 449-9902. Tree cutting is regulated by [Section 90 of the City of Northville Code.](#)

Secretary of State MiTimeLine appointment system

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

Around Town

Gift Checks

Support your local business community and give a gift that fits any occasion. Northville Gift Checks are a great way to give a special gift while also supporting your local merchants.

Gift Checks can be purchased at the Northville Chamber of Commerce and are available in three denominations of: \$5, \$10, \$25.
Thank you for shopping local.

[Click here for a list of participating businesses](#)

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

An easy way to dispose of old medications

Do you have outdated prescription or over-the-counter medications that you want to get rid of? Don't flush these medications down the toilet - it pollutes the water supply; don't throw them away because they will end up in a landfill and may be consumed by wildlife. There is a safe and convenient way to dispose of unwanted medications. Bring your unwanted medication - no liquids, needles or injectable medication - to the secure drop box in the lobby at the Northville Township Police Department at 41600 Six Mile Road. There is no paperwork required and the bin can be accessed 24/7. When the drop box is full, collections are picked up for disposal by the Drug Enforcement Authority.

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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