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## **Meetings**

**City Council** - Monday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m. - City Hall, Council Chambers

**Planning Commission** - Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m. - City Hall

**Board of Zoning Appeals** - Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m. - City Hall

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

## **This Just In...**

**DDA Board of Directors is seeking another dedicated member**



Photo by Liz Cezat

The City has an opening for a qualified volunteer to serve on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors.  
***The DDA is focused on keeping the downtown area an attractive and vibrant setting that fosters a thriving economic base for business owners.***

**The DDA Board of Directors** strives to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the greater Northville area through economic and physical revitalization of the downtown business district. The DDA coordinates and supports activities to promote the economic viability of the downtown area. It also acts as an advocate for a safe, clean and attractive central business district. A strong downtown center is a major attraction for development and enhances the quality of the life for the entire community.

The board meets at 8 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the lower level of City Hall.

Information about the board composition and responsibilities is available on the [DDA website](#). For more information, contact Lori Ward at 248-349-0345 or [lward@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:lward@ci.northville.mi.us).

Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled and are available on the [City of Northville's website](#) or at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167. Completed applications should be returned to the City Clerk's office, which also contacts applicants to schedule interviews with the Selection Committee. All applications will be kept on file for future consideration.

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**Dog licenses are up for renewal**



All dogs four months and older must be licensed. The annual license fee is \$13 (\$10 with documented spay/neuter). Dog licenses for 2017 expire on Feb. 28, 2018.

You must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate at the time of application. Licenses are available at the City Clerk's Office. If you want to register by mail, please [download an application from the City's website](#).

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### **Now you can pay your parking ticket online**

If you need to pay a parking ticket, online payments are now being accepted. The traditional methods of paying - in person at the Cashier's Office at City Hall, or by mail - are still available. Paying online includes a convenience fee by the third-party provider, but often saves time over mailing the payment or paying in person.

#### **Pay your parking ticket online**

- Have your ticket handy to access the number and amount due (on front of ticket)
- A convenience fee will be added
- You can review the full amount, including fee, and confirm it before you submit your payment
- [Click here to begin](#).

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## Civic Concern welcomes donations year-round



The holidays may be over but the need continues. Northville Civic Concern extends a helping hand to people in Northville. Clientele consists of low-income families, many who have jobs that don't pay a living wage. Others may be grappling with setbacks such as a job loss, a medical condition, natural disaster or family tragedy. People must apply for assistance. (See the [website](#) for eligibility.)

Donations (food and clothing) can be delivered to the agency at 43261 Seven Mile in the Highland Lakes Plaza, or at drop boxes around town, including City Hall, The Northville District Library, World Custom Alterations, Cassel's Restaurant, Great Harvest and Genitti's.

The agency's primary focus is to provide food. It offers twice-monthly "shopping trips" where clients receive two bags that are filled with canned goods and boxed items. They also select items they need most from the shopping table area (see photo above).

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## AARP Income tax preparation assistance

AARP tax-aide provides free tax assistance to taxpayers with low and middle income, with special attention to those who are 60 and older. Appointments are



required and are conducted at the Northville Community Center on Thursdays, Feb. 1 through April 12. Please call 248-305-2851 to register.

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## **Volunteers needed for annual Rouge frog and toad survey**



Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) needs volunteers to participate in the 2018 annual Rouge frog and toad survey. You will learn the calls of the [eight local frogs and toads](#) and visit wetlands at night to identify what types are calling.

Friends of the Rouge started the survey in 1998 to involve local residents in collecting data about the health of Rouge River wetlands. The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetland health as the animals disappear when wetlands are too polluted or destroyed. Diverse, healthy wetlands support diverse populations of amphibians.

The [survey results](#) have shown the greatest diversity of frogs and toads, and therefore the healthiest wetlands, in the less developed headwaters of the [Rouge River Watershed](#) and the lowest diversity in the urbanized portions.

Interested volunteers need to [pre-register](#) for ONE of three training sessions held on Saturdays in February and March. (All materials are provided at the workshop.) Volunteers are assigned to survey blocks within the Rouge River Watershed and required to visit them several times a month on damp warm nights, March through June.

Workshop dates ([register](#))

**Sat. Feb. 17, 10 a.m. - noon**

Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188

**Sat. March 10, 2017 10 a.m. - noon**

Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 31555 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI

48336

**Sat. March 17, 2017 10 a.m. - noon**

Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154

## Events / Things to Do



**Feb. 2**

**First Friday Experience**

**6 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Downtown Northville**

Join us in Downtown Northville on the First Friday of each month for a special shopping, dining and artistic experience.

Our retailers stay open late and showcase new products and special trunk shows and offer limited time exclusive items or sales.

Our galleries showcase new exhibits, artists and pieces - often premiering them especially for this monthly event.

And don't forget the restaurants of Northville. Always great destinations, the bars and restaurants of Northville feature a wide-selection of cuisine from sushi to Mediterranean to American and Italian cuisine. Plan a date, gather a group of friends and come on downtown for the upcoming [First Friday](#).

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# ArtCrush

Join us for a magical night on the mezzanine in support of  
the Northville Art House!  
Featuring appetizers, an open bar, silent auction, and more

**Saturday February 10th, 2018**  
**7 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

Cantoro Italian Market & Trattoria  
15550 N. Haggerty Rd. Plymouth

Tickets on sale now until February 4th at  
[www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org)  
or in store at the Northville Art House  
Tickets \$60

Event sponsored by  
The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James  
and  
Bandoni Creative, LLC

Northville Art House 215 W. Cady St. Northville, MI 248-344-0497  
[www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org)  
Gallery House: Tuesday - Friday 12 - 5, Saturday 12 - 4

Tickets are on sale through Feb. 4 and can be purchased online [HERE](#)

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## Maybury State Park President's Day Hike



**Monday, February 19, 2018      10:00 -11:00 am**

**Horse Staging Parking Lot      (Use Beck Road entrance)**

Get outside and go for a guided hike at Maybury State Park on the President's Day holiday. Weather permitting, bring your skis or snowshoes and head out in the park's trails. Dress appropriately for moderate activity.

Light refreshments available after the hike



This program is **FREE** and no registration is necessary, however a Recreation Passport is required for park entry. The Recreation Passport can be purchased when renewing your license plate tabs at the Secretary of State or at the Self Registration kiosk at each park entrance. .



Maybury State Park Office (248) 349-8390



## **Business**

### **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!

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### **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](#).

## **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).

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### **Parking**

Did you know it is illegal to park on City Streets between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. without a permit?

If you are having visitors or work done on your driveway and must park in the street

overnight, call Community Dispatch at 248-349-1234 by 2:00 a.m. with the license plate number and street location of the vehicle to avoid a parking ticket.

## **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.

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### **Before the next snowfall, apply brine to driveway and sidewalks**

Help keep the Rouge River clear of dissolved rock salt by switching to a new de-icer method. Apply brine before a snowfall and shovel frequently to keep snow from accumulating and forming ice. City ordinance requires that sidewalks be cleared of snow within 24 hours of a snowfall.

Brine is a mixture of salt and water. A batch can be pre-mixed and stored in your basement. Here's the recipe:

- 1 ½ gallons hot water
- 3-4 cups rock or table salt
- Bucket
- Sprayer

Directions: Combine salt and hot water in a bucket until all salt is dissolved completely. Pour mixed brine into a sprayer and apply to sidewalk and driveway prior to a snowfall. Each gallon should cover 1,000 square feet of surface (about 200 feet of sidewalk).

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### **Sewage backups**

Homeowners may experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system. If you intend 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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### **Add your name to the City News mailing list**

New subscribers to City News can sign up below (if you are viewing the e-mail version). You can also [sign up on the City of Northville website](#) (homepage, left

hand column under Quick Links)

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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