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**City offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19,
in observance of Presidents' Day.**

Meetings

Downtown Development Authority - Tuesday, Feb. 20, 8 a.m. - Meeting Room - City Hall

(Note date) City Council - Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers

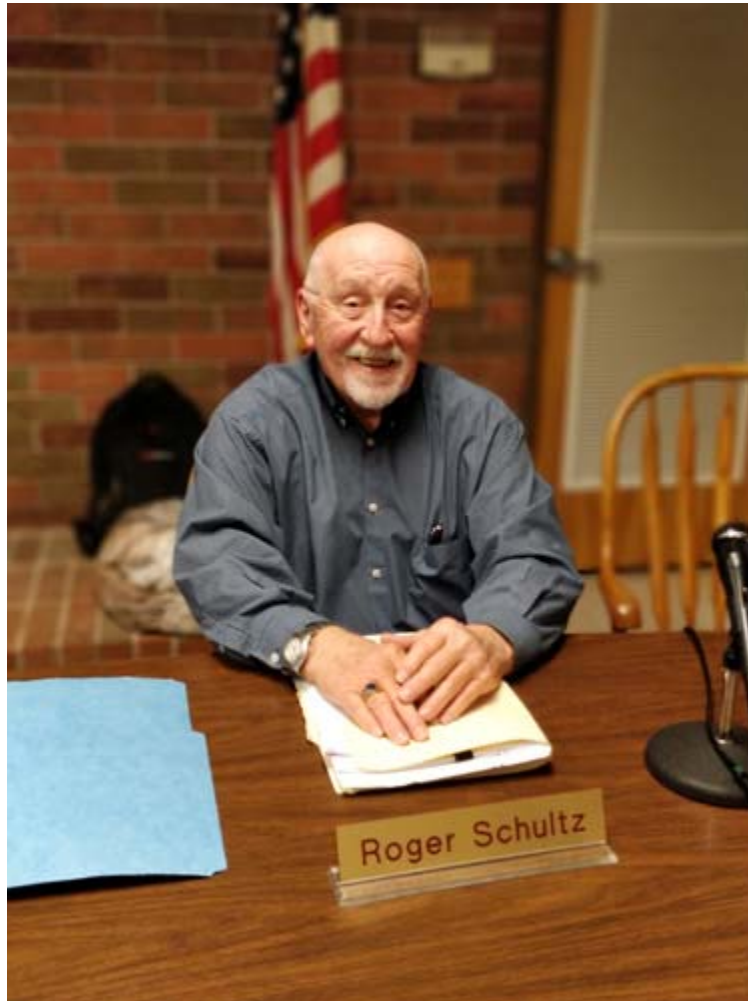
(Note location) Planning Commission - Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. - Meeting Room
Council Chambers - City Hall

Historic District Commission - Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

This Just In...

Roger Schultz presides over Housing Commission for residents' benefit



Keeping up a 40-year-old building that houses more than 100 senior residents and often sees an equal number of daily visitors is a tall order. It's a job that rests squarely on the shoulders of the Housing director, Tracey Emmanuel, balanced by the expertise and oversight of the Housing Commission.

"The commission handles facility issues and interacts with residents. Our mission is to provide a safe and comfortable place for the residents to live, and treat them with respect and dignity," said Roger Schultz, president of the Housing Commission.

Members, who must be City residents, include Alan Deneau, vice president and Allen Terrace resident; Nancy Catallo; Kirk Rentz and Janice Valade. Others

attending meetings are Sam Ekong, City Council liaison, and Emmanuel, who puts together the agenda.

"She's in charge," Schultz said. "Certain things have to be voted on. Money issues. Policy issues. On day-to-day items and decision-making, we're a sounding board."

Schulz was part of the interview process in selecting Emmanuel, who started the job Dec. 4, 2017. "I'm very happy with her organizational skills and impressed with the way she stepped into the job."

With residents that range in age from 55 to 105, Allen Terrace, the City's senior apartment building has to meet the needs of a diverse group of seniors. The common bond is that they can live independently in an apartment. While some prefer to stay in their apartments, others like to congregate and socialize in the building's many gathering spaces. The interior is kept up well, but it takes planning and funding.

The commission meets monthly, September through June, at the stately building at 401 High Street, nestled in a beautiful wooded setting that backs to a hill. About 20 to 30 residents also attend the meetings, which are held in the dining room/atrium. They are given time to speak at the start of the meeting; otherwise, they listen.

Maintenance issues and other items top the agenda - matters that often impact quality of life. Last summer, the commission approved a request for a communal barbecue grill and picnic tables so residents could enjoy cooking and eating outdoors near the front fountain.

Maintenance issues to be addressed this year include replacing the aging roof and correcting insulation and venting issues. The commission will also look into replacing some of the original atrium windows, which fog up and leak during heavy rains.

Schultz, who had a career in the moving and storage industry, brings along skills of project management, handling logistics and reviewing contracts. He was recruited by past President Genie Nehs, who moved to the township with her husband Jerry.

"There's a lot of nice people there," Schultz said. "We (the board) interact with residents regularly. Meetings are meetings, and are needed to accomplish things, but I really like to meet with the residents."

A few years ago, he learned from residents' complaints that new steps to the front door were too narrow for residents to climb comfortably. He got the contractor back on the jobsite to evaluate their complaints and the contractor agreed to reconstruct the steps, making them deeper and easier to climb.

"Residents like living here. They can walk to town and walk to Kroger. We've got a waiting list about as long as the residents who live here. Rents are affordable and residents don't have to do the maintenance or pay property taxes."

It's a bit harder to find people willing to serve on the commission, since it's a five-year commitment. Schultz was instrumental in recruiting new members Rentz and Valade. He invites those who are interested or just curious to attend a meeting, held the second Wednesday of the month, at 6 p.m.

Schultz and his wife Marie have lived in Northville for 45 years. The couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in November 2018. They have three sons and seven grandchildren, all who live in the area.

City website function may be stalled this weekend due to internal upgrades

The City of Northville webmaster will be upgrading the website infrastructure Saturday, Feb. 17, and Sunday, Feb. 18. During this process, there may be periods when the City's website (www.ci.northville.mi.us) will not be accessible. If you plan to pay City-generated bills online this weekend, you may experience interruptions or limited access. As a work-around, plan to pay such bills before the upgrade begins or on Sunday evening when it is completed.

DDA Board of Directors is seeking another dedicated member



Photo by Liz Cezat

The DDA is focused on keeping the downtown area an attractive and vibrant setting that fosters a thriving economic base for business owners.

The City has an opening for a qualified volunteer to serve on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors.

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.

Applications will be accepted until Feb. 28 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.

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](#).

Save time - 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](#).

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.

Senior social outing

Get together with your friends or make new ones by signing up to go out to lunch at a local restaurant with other Northville seniors. This social group meets once a month at 11:30 a.m.

The next two lunches occur Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Garage, and Wednesday, March 21, at Center Street Grill. You must register in advance by calling 248-305-2851 to be included in the group reservation. Each individual handles his/her own transportation and meal payment.

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

Historic District Survey kick-off meeting to be held March 1

The public, and especially residents of the Historic District and owners of Historic District properties, is invited to attend the kick-off meeting for the Historic District Survey at 7 p.m., March 1, at City Hall, Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville.

The meeting will bring together survey leaders, the Historic District Study Committee and an architectural historian (consultant) from the Commonwealth Heritage Group to explain the scope, process and benefits of the survey, and answer questions from the audience.

Letters will be mailed to residents and owners of Historic District properties announcing the meeting and web page dedicated to news, meetings and updates on the survey. [Visit it here](#).

The Historic District Survey project will evaluate 343 houses and other buildings to detail important historic architectural attributes. The results will update the district information in the National Register of Historic Places, and serve as a reference for

owners of the historic properties and the Historic District Commission as it considers petitions brought before it to modify these properties.

During the survey process, if you have any questions about the survey, please email historicsurvey@ci.northville.mi.us. Questions will be collected and answers posted on the project web page on a periodic basis.

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

SKYWARN 2018



SKYWARN

Skywarn is an effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies by expanding networks of spotters and by encouraging the widest possible participation in tornado warning programs. There is no way to stop tornadoes, and not all tornadoes show up on radar, but they can be seen. Lives can be saved. Only one instrument can detect a tornado or funnel with complete certainty, the human eye.

Skywarn training sessions are held to train individuals on how to accurately observe such weather phenomena as floods, hail, wind and its associated damage, cloud features that lead to tornadoes, and those cloud features that do not lead to tornadoes. The class covers what information to report and how to report it. Basic severe weather safety is also covered. Classes are **FREE** and last 1.5 hours. While new technological and scientific tools have advanced the National Weather Service (NWS) capability to predict severe weather, the trained spotter remains essential to the NWS warning process. The more trained "eyes" we have in the field during a severe weather event, the better our service to you and the public will be. More concern, more spotters, more eyes are needed. Lend us yours - learn **SKYWARN**!

SPOTTER TRAINING CLASSES

Wednesday, March 7 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Saturday, March 24 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Saturday, March 24 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Monday, March 26 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Southfield Public Library 26300 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, 48076
Thursday, April 12 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	City of Rochester Hills – City Hall 1000 Rochester Hills Dr, Rochester Hills, 48309
Wednesday, April 18 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	The Charter Township of Commerce Township 2009 Township Drive, Commerce Township, 48390
Thursday, May 10 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Ortonville Old Town Hall 476 Mill Street, Ortonville, 48462

All interested parties (i.e. fire, police, EMS, security, volunteers, and citizens) are encouraged to attend.

The **Oakland County Homeland Security Division** coordinates this program.
Limited space is available, so make your reservations now!



Go to: oakgov.com/homelandsecurity
and click on the Skywarn logo to register
or call (248) 858-5300



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Join us for Maybury Farm Camp



JUNE 19 - AUG.16
TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

for boys & girls ages 5-12

Early bird pricing through Feb. 28

[Farm Camp Registration Form](#)

Farm Camp is a three-day camp filled with exciting experiences designed to engage and educate kids. Held entirely outdoors, campers will enjoy learning about the care and function of animals on the farm, the cycle of planting, growing and harvesting by helping out in the farm garden, hiking along our forest trails and learning about native Michigan plants and crops, playing team-building games, making crafts and much more!

Each session of Farm Camp is three days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Farm Camp is purchased on a weekly session basis and limited to 22 campers per session. Campers may sign-up for all sessions. Enrollment fills up quickly so please register as early as possible.



Take advantage of Early Bird Pricing

Registration and payment submitted by:

Feb. 28: \$165/week

March 31: \$180/week

April 1 or later: \$195/week

There will be no camp the week of July 3, 2018.

[Farm Camp Registration Form](#)

New This Year

Junior Counselor program for teens ages 15 to 18 years old

This is a volunteer position that allows teens to assist farm camp counselors in working with the campers in all the farm camp activities. It's a great opportunity for work experience for teens who love kids, animals and agriculture. Interested? Submit the application below.

[Junior Counselor Application](#)



SAVE THE DATE

Making Maple Syrup Tours begin March 3

Saturdays and Sundays | March 3 - March 31

Weekday group tours available. [Learn more...](#)

The Northville Chamber of Commerce presents...



March 17, 2018
11am - 2pm
Northville High School

Admission: \$2.00
per person
Parking is free

Family friendly event!

Retail • Service • Community... all in one place

Largest showcase of Northville businesses and organizations all in one place!

We invite the Northville community to come out and take advantage of this opportunity to meet your local business owners and representatives and to see what products and services they provide to the Northville community.

With more than sixty (60) booth exhibitors including: retail and service, businesses, artisans, financial institutions, community and educational groups and restaurants. You are sure to see something that interests you!

Event Highlights:

- Exhibitors may sell merchandise, along with providing give-a-ways at their booths.
- Free samples of food from the area's restaurants
- Door prizes awarded at 1:15pm



LEGO
Building Contest

March 17, 2018

Go to the Chamber website to download the entry form or stop by the Chamber office to pick one up!

www.northville.org

Thank you to our sponsors:



For more information about the Northville Marketplace contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-0203 or visit our website www.northville.org.

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.

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.

Around Town

What to do if a water main breaks

Each year the City has between 10 and 20 water main breaks, and most of these happen when the temperatures are below freezing. If residents see water bubbling out of the ground, contact the Public Works Department at (248) 449-9930 or (248) 349-1234 after hours and report its location. The sooner the leak is identified and reported, the quicker it can be repaired, reducing the chances of contamination entering the water system, and minimizing the cost for lost water.

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.

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).

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.

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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