



Northville

City News

A weekly eNewsletter for the community



February 22, 2018

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This Just In...

Boil water advisory in place for City of Northville due to water main repair



Following a valve repair made to the City's water main by Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) late Wednesday night, the City is under a **boil water advisory** for at least 48 hours. Northville Township is not affected.

City of Northville residents and businesses must boil water from the tap before drinking it or cooking with it. This requires that all water be boiled for one minute at a rolling boil, and cooled before using.

People with compromised immune systems, infants and some elderly are at increased risk for health issues during this time. Pets should be given reserved water or boiled water to drink as well.

Showers and bathing can be done during the advisory as long as people do not drink the water during these activities.

For more information, look at the City's website, [Facebook](#) and [twitter](#) accounts. If residents or business owners have questions, please contact the City of Northville at 248-349-1300 during office hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After hours, there will be a special recorded line at that same number with any important updates.

[Additional information about boiling water and other household water usage can be found here.](#)

Property Tax Assessment notices will arrive soon

Annual notices of real and personal property assessments will be mailed to property owners/taxpayers by the end of February. The assessment notice will state the "assessed value" and the tentative "state equalized value" (SEV) for both this year and the prior year. Those values should not exceed 50% of market value. Carefully review the notice.

The assessment notice will also state the "taxable value" (TV) for the prior and present year and whether the property was transferred as to uncap the TV. Taxable value is the lesser of SEV and the previous year's taxable value adjusted for inflation, with adjustments for additions and losses. The taxable value is uncapped and reset at SEV when a property transfers in the prior calendar year. The Inflation Rate Multiplier for 2018 for the State of Michigan is set at 2.1%.

Annually, the City assessor reviews records, including recent property sales (Jan. 1, 2015 - Dec. 31, 2017), detailed reports on lands and buildings, and builder permits, along with personal visits when needed, to determine the size, components and condition of such properties.

If you have a question about the assessed value of your home, land or business property, you can contact the City assessor, Tom Monchak, by phone: 248-305-2704, fax: 248-305-2892 or [email](#). He typically works at the City of Northville on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The City of Northville has a local Board of Review that reviews the assessment roll and hears appeals. If you plan to challenge the assessment, you will need to either schedule an appointment to meet with the board or send a letter by 4 p.m. on March 14 (see address in assessment notice). Written appeals from resident taxpayers will be given equal weight and status with personal appearances, based on a resolution approved in November 2017 by City Council.

The Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on March 6 at 5 p.m. in City Council chambers at City Hall to receive and review the assessment roll, identify the Chair and set general parameters for its meeting operations. The public is invited. No appeals will be heard at this meeting.

The Board of Review public hearings and deliberations will be: March 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., and March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

If you plan on appearing before the board, come prepared for your meeting. Provide evidence showing why you believe your property isn't assessed at its true value. You may also need to provide proof that you own a particular building or parcel if you are not listed as the owner on the assessment roll. The Board of Review must consider each case individually.

"For typical appeals, it's the owner's opinion backed up by research and data. For residential owners, it's typically based on similar sales in a neighborhood" said Monchak.

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.

Seniors invited to have lunch with friends

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.

If interested, call 248-305-2851 to register for the lunch on Wednesday, March 21, at Center Street Grill. 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. 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.

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



The County of Oakland does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to its programs, activities, or services as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Please contact us within five (5) business days prior to the event if you have any special needs.

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

Online payments for utility bills and taxes

Online payments for taxes and utilities is available on the City's website offered through Point & Pay, for a convenience fee. To access this option, [please click on the following link](#). On the left side of your screen, select either Property Tax and Assessing Lookup or Utility Bill Lookup. Search for your property and click on the "Pay Online" button. You will then be re-directed to the Point & Pay website to make a payment.

Fees: Please note there is a convenience fee paid directly to Point & Pay if you choose to utilize this option:

Credit Cards: 3% Fee (minimum \$2)

E-Checks: Flat Fee of \$3, up to \$10,000 or Flat Fee of \$10, anything over \$10,000

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

Streetlights

Streetlight out? Businesses and residents can [report streetlight outages online](#). This link goes directly to the DTE streetlight outage reporting tool.

Businesses and residents who have a DTE wooden power pole on or adjacent to their property are eligible to have outdoor protective lighting installed on the pole to illuminate their private property. Residents may even qualify for no up-front cost installation. Please call 866-503-0627 and leave a detailed message that includes name, address, city, zip code and phone number with area code for a DTE representative to contact you within three business days.

Brush collection program

The City of Northville allows residents to place branches at the curb without bundling or bagging them. Branches 6 feet long and up to 6 inches in diameter can be placed at the curb for removal by the City's solid waste collection contractor.

Residents can dispose of large piles of branches by placing them at the curb. Every Tuesday, year-round, a crew will come through each neighborhood and chip any branches left at the curb.

Branches must be in the street right-of-way (Between the street and the sidewalk). Simply stack the branches neatly behind the curb with the cut ends facing the street.

For safety sake we cannot take roots, stumps dirt, lumber, railroad ties or any wood with metal in it.

Residents can dispose of firewood pieces and stumps with their normal weekly garbage (Maximum 35 gallon cans and 60 lb. weight limit).

Collection crews will not rake up small branches after the large brush piles are removed. Residents may have to rake these areas after bulk brush collection has been made.

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.

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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