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Historic District Survey kick-off meeting, March 1, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

Planning Commission - Tuesday, March 6, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Board of Zoning Appeals - Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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This Just In...

Public welcome to attend Historic District Survey kick-off meeting

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 were 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.

Did you receive your Property Tax Assessment notice?

Annual notices of real and personal property assessments have been mailed to property owners/taxpayers. The assessment notice states 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 also states 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 questions 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.

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-aid 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



Maybury Farm making maple syrup tours

Tours are Saturday's and Sunday's in March at 1:00pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm and 3:15pm beginning March 3, 2018.

Looking for something fun to do with the family? Ever wondered how delicious maple syrup gets made? Well, look no further! Making Maple Syrup Tours at Maybury Farm begin soon!

The Tour begins with a wagon ride out to the Sugar Bush. Once you arrive, you will head into the woods where you will learn about the maple tree, how to tap it, and then collect the sap. You may even get a chance to taste the sap straight from the tree! The wagon will then take you back to the Sugar Shack where you will watch and learn how the sap is converted into delicious maple syrup, how syrup is graded, and also how to try making maple syrup at home.

Once your tour is finished, you are invited to warm up in the Maybury Farm Welcome Center where hot drinks and snacks are available to enjoy next to the toasty wood stove. Pure Michigan Maple Syrup is available for purchase and we offer free recipes for you to try with your maple syrup at home. This is a fun and educational experience for all ages and a great farm tour to enjoy with your family!

The Making Maple Syrup Tours are held promptly at 1:00pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, and 3:15pm each Saturday and Sunday through March 31. This event is popular each year and space is limited so arrive early to reserve your spot! To schedule a private Farm Tour for groups of 15 or more, call (248) 374-0200.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. The cost for the Making Maple Syrup Tours is \$7.00 per person and children 2 and under are free. Visit www.mayburyfarm.org to learn more!

About Maybury Farm

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3)

nonprofit organization. Maybury Farm is a working farm with a mission to connect the community to animals and agriculture through hands-on experiences that are both engaging and educational.

Maybury Farm is open to the public Tuesday-Sunday beginning April 17. The Farm offers Farm Tours, story time, Farm Camp, special events, birthday parties, and a fall Corn Maze. Maybury Farm is located at 50165 8 Mile Rd in Northville. It is 1-1/4 mile west of Beck Road on 8 Mile, 1/2 mile west of Maybury State Park. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign, do not enter the State Park. Parking is free at Maybury Farm. For more information, please [visit our website](#) or our [Facebook](#) page.

To learn more about Making Maple Syrup Tours or Maybury Farm, please contact
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Maybury Farm
50165 8 Mile Rd.
Northville, MI 48167
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SKYWARN 2018



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](#)

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

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).

At Home

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 a.m. with the license plate number and street location of the vehicle to avoid a parking ticket.

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.

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!

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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If you have comments or requests for specific news items, please e-mail Liz Cezat, Communications Manager, at Icezat@ci.northville.mi.us.

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