



March 15, 2018

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Meetings

City Council - Monday, March 19, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

Planning Commission - Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

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

This Just In...

Fire Department hires three new crew members



The City of Northville Fire Department has hired three firefighters for on-call duty. They are David Johnson, Brian Smith and Jeremy Martzloff.

Johnson, of Northville, holds a Wildland Firefighter certification, and is currently enrolled in a structural firefighting class at Schoolcraft College. He has worked with Team Rubicon, a volunteer disaster relief organization.

Johnson holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling, and works for Central Michigan University as manager, Undergraduate Programs. He is assigned to Station 1 in Northville.

Smith, of Northville, has his Firefighter I and II and Hazardous Materials Operations certifications, and holds an EMT license. He is currently completing his paramedic training. He is assigned to Station 1 in Northville.

Martzloff, of Canton, is a recent graduate of the Schoolcraft College Fire Academy, where he earned his Firefighter I and II and Hazardous Materials Operations certifications. He is currently in school for his EMT license. While in high school, he was a member of the Fire Department Explorer Post 1717. He is assigned to Station 2 in Plymouth.

Communications survey is underway - please provide your input

The City of Northville is conducting a survey to help evaluate the effectiveness of existing publications (City News and Northville Matters) and social media

(Facebook and Twitter). We invite residents and business owners to participate. [Click here for the online survey link.](#)

Those who prefer to complete the survey on paper can do so at City Hall by visiting the receptionist desk inside the front lobby. If you can't access the survey in person or online, please call 248-449-9905 and request a survey be mailed to you. All surveys must be completed and received by April 6, 2018.

Survey questions focus on readability, organization and reader engagement. Responses will help us understand and respond to the community's needs while improving our communication efforts. Thank you, in advance, for taking part in our ongoing process to keep you informed.

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

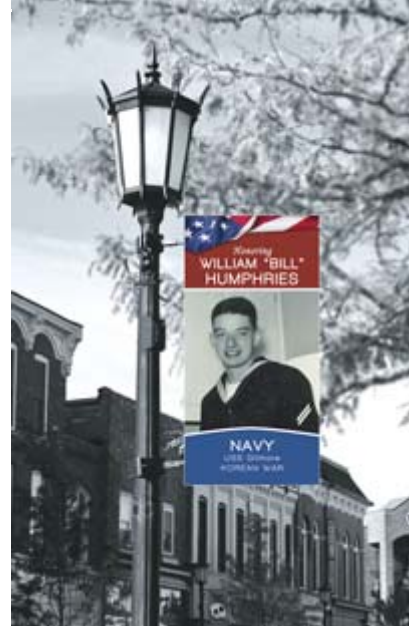
- You can review the full amount, including fee, and confirm it before you submit your payment
 - [Click here to begin.](#)
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Honor a member of the Armed Forces or a veteran through the Military and Veteran Banner program

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is offering the Military and Veteran Banner program, which recognizes and honors the brave individuals who are serving or who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Banners will display a photo of the service person, as well as his or her name, dates of service, and branch of the Armed Forces.

The banner will be hung in downtown Northville during the months of May and November to celebrate Memorial Day and Veterans Day, respectively.

To qualify for the Military and Veteran Banner program, the honoree must be an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces or have been honorably discharged. The deadline for the 2018 program is April 18. For more information, visit www.northville.org, call 248-348-7640 or [download the brochure here.](#)



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 17, 2017 10 a.m. - noon

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

GREAT NEWS: Spring Bug Hunt to go ahead!

We have currently raised enough funds to hold the Spring Bug Hunt, which had been cancelled due to lack of funding. Volunteers are needed and encouraged to sign up.

[Sign up for the April 14 Spring Bug Hunt](#)

Events / Things to Do



Maybury Farm making maple syrup tours
Saturdays and Sundays, through March 31
1 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.
50165 8 Mile Rd.
Northville, MI

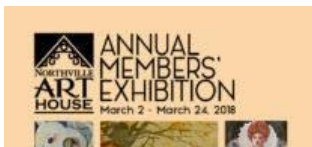
Looking for something fun to do with your family and friends? Ever wondered how delicious maple syrup gets made? Come to Maybury Farm and find out.

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. Take a wagon ride 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 make 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.

Space is limited for this popular event, so arrive early to reserve your spot. To schedule a private Farm Tour for groups of 15 or more, call 248-374-0200.

The cost for the Making Maple Syrup Tours is \$7 per person and children 2 and under are free. Visit www.mayburyfarm.org to learn more. You can also contact Cindy Kern, Farm Director, at 248-916-3033 or Cindykern72@icloud.com



**Through March 24
12th Annual Members' Exhibition
Northville Art House
215 W. Cady**

This exhibition showcases the talents of 57 current member artists through original works of art created in a variety of media and styles.

In 2017, our members contributed more than 100 works to Art House exhibitions; participated in classes, workshops and camps; and instructed more than 750 artists of all ages and skill levels through in-house and outreach programs. We invite you to become a member today.

The Annual Members' Exhibition is held in appreciation of members who have generously supported the growth and creativity of the organization and arts in the community over the past year. The [Northville Art House](#) welcomes the public to visit the gallery to celebrate the artistic achievements of its member artists.

Gallery hours: Tues. - Fri. 12-5 p.m., Sat. 12-4 p.m.



**Friday, March 23 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 24 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Handcrafters Spring Fling Craft Show
Northville Community Center, 303 West
Main Street**

Shake off cabin fever and experience a new season at the annual Spring Fling. Stock up on Easter gifts, garden art, seasonal décor, fashion and more.
Admission: \$3, 12 & under: free

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

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

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.

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.



Northville Historical Society 2018 Lecture Series
Great Lakes Lighthouse Preservation
March 28, 2018

All around the Michigan Great Lakes Shoreline, there are old lighthouses that have guided ships for centuries. People are working tirelessly to restore and maintain these lighthouses because of the history they represent. This lecture will discuss the history of these lighthouses, the work that has been done to restore them and the work still to be done to assure that this part of Michigan's history is maintained.

Historian, author, and photographer Wayne S. Sapulski has physically visited (not just flown over) every one of them. A graduate of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City, Michigan, Wayne once served as a deck officer licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard to pilot ships of unlimited tonnage upon the waters of the Great Lakes. Still licensed but no longer sailing, Wayne remains active in several maritime historical societies and lighthouse groups, especially the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (www.gllka.com). He is a regular contributor to their quarterly publication, *The Beacon*. Wayne's photographs and articles have appeared in many other regional publications as well. He is the author/photographer of **Lighthouses of Lake Michigan, Past and Present** (2001) and coauthor/photographer of the popular guidebook **Great Lakes Lighthouses, American and Canadian** (1998), of which over 37,000 have been sold to date.

The lecture will be at the New School Church at Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold St, Northville at 7:00pm. The lecture is free of charge although donations are accepted at the door to help defray costs.



NORTHVILLE PARKS & REC SUMMER DAY CAMP

at MAYBURY STATE PARK



TRIPS
HIGH VELOCITY
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PUTTING EDGE
DAVE & BUSTERS
SKY ZONE
(trips subject to change)

WEEKS
JUNE 18 -22
JUNE 25-28
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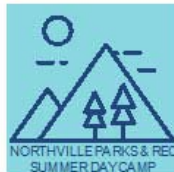
MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:30am - 4pm

(early drop-off available for additional fee)

\$170 a week (discounts for siblings)
(pre-registration is required)

register at:
northvilleparksandrec.org
or call 248.349.0203



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 here](#) or call 248-449-9901 with questions.

Around Town



Mark your calendars - Household Hazardous Waste event

Northville/Livonia

Friday, April 27, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ford Field, Livonia (enter from Stark Rd., Northbound from Schoolcraft)

CRT monitors and TVs will be accepted.

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.

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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