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Youth Assistance - Wednesday, April 10, 8 a.m. - Community Center

Arts Commission - Wednesday, April 11, 7 p.m. - Art House

Housing Commission - Wednesday, April 11, 6 p.m. - Allen Terrace

Budget Session - City Council - Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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

This Just In...

Survey ends Friday ... How do you like City communications?

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](#)). [Click here for the online survey](#). All surveys must be completed by midnight, April 6, 2018. To date, we've had 220 responses, which is great. Our goal is to reach 250. If you haven't responded yet, we want to hear from you!

Those who prefer to complete the survey on paper can do so at City Hall by visiting the receptionist desk inside the front lobby.

Survey questions focus on readability, organization and reader engagement. Responses will help the City understand and respond to the community's needs while improving our communication efforts. It only takes a few minutes to complete; [get started 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, through April 12. Please call 248-305-2851 to register.



Oakland County Offering free Financial Education Seminars during National Money Smart Week April 21-28

Oakland County Michigan Works! is partnering with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to bring Money Smart Week (MSW) to consumers in southeast Michigan April 21-28.

The county will host free seminars as part of the national financial education campaign to help consumers make smart money decisions.

Sessions are being held at Michigan Works! service centers in Novi, Southfield and other Oakland County suburbs. Topics include debt management, household budgeting, smart spending habits, understanding credit, saving strategies, identity theft protection, teaching children about money, and retirement planning. Seminar leaders include experts from local banks, credit unions, investment firms and realty offices.

There is no cost to attend but space is limited so please RSVP. View the entire

schedule, location and register at www.MoneySmartWeek.org/Events.

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April 6 First Friday Downtown Northville

The merchants of Downtown Northville welcome you to browse their galleries and boutiques. You'll be greeted with featured artists, trunk shows, demonstrations and specialty products.

Make a date to spend the evening in Downtown Northville - grab a bite to eat at one of our many [restaurants](#), stroll our picturesque streets, do a little [shopping](#), and learn about a new art style. It's a great way to spend a Friday night with family and friends!



Participating Galleries

The following galleries, as well as a variety of other boutiques and restaurants, participate each month in the First Friday Experience. Please visit each gallery's website for more information on events taking place at their business.

Dancing Eye Gallery

101 N. Center
(248) 449-7086

[Website](#)

Northville Art House

215 W. Cady
(248) 344-0497

[Website](#)

6 - 9 p.m.

Opening reception of...**ART OF THE FAMILY: Donald, Robert, Susan and William Perrish** featuring paintings and sculptures from a family of award-winning artists. The exhibition answers the age-old question of nature versus nurture by demonstrating the existence of both innate talent and learned skills in shaping the artist. Regardless of their beginnings and how their artistry is expressed, one common trait among these artists is a sense of



passion for art.

Northville Gallery

123 E. Main
(248) 465-9630

Starring "The Gallery"

118 W. Main
(248) 347-1642

[Website](#)

Tiffany Art Glass

121 E. Main (2nd floor)
(248) 349-2777

[Website](#)

Find out more about the First Friday experience on the [DDA website](#).

Want to help the environment? Volunteer for the Spring Bug Hunt

The Friends of The Rouge will hold the Spring Bug Hunt on April 14. Volunteers are needed and encouraged to [sign up here](#).

It's time for Rouge Rescue 2018!



Spend a few hours with your friends and neighbors to improve the Rouge River and make a difference in your community.

Work days will be held across the region. Most sites will work on Sat. May 19. A few sites are working earlier and are listed below. Please [visit us online](#) or call (313) 792-9621 for the most up to date list. Volunteers should wear sturdy, closed toe shoes, long sleeves, and long pants. Expect to get a little dirty, have fun, and meet others who care about the river. Free t-shirt provided to all participants (limited quantity at each).

Early Rouge Rescue Work Days

- Quarton Lake Garlic Mustard Pull - April 19
 - E.L. Johnson Nature Center Tree Planting - April 21
 - Rouge Park Cleanup Day, Detroit - April 28
 - Rotary Park, Novi - May 5
 - Fair Lane (Henry Ford Estate) Garlic Mustard Pull Together - May 12
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Severe Weather Awareness Week April 8-14

A special test of the outdoor warning system will take place on Wednesday, April 11, at 1 p.m. The test is intended to raise awareness of citizens and offer schools and businesses a designated time to test their internal disaster plans during normal business hours. [Visit here for more information.](#)



**EGG HUNTS • FARM ANIMALS • SEED PLANTING
EASTER BUNNY • SMOKEY THE BEAR • TOOTH FAIRY
FACE PAINTING • CONCESSIONS • AND MORE!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
GATES OPEN AT 9:30AM, EGG HUNTS BEGIN AT 11:00AM
MAYBURY FARM - 50165 8 MILE RD., NORTHVILLE

**KIDS AGES 2 – 10 CAN REDEEM EGGS FOR A
PRIZE BAG FILLED WITH CANDY & TREATS!**

ADMISSION IS \$5 PER VEHICLE (CASH ONLY)

LIMITED FREE PARKING AT MAYBURY FARM

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 15

ADDITIONAL PARKING AT MAYBURY STATE PARK (ANNUAL RECREATION PASSPORT REQUIRED)

**EGG HUNT LIMITED TO
THE FIRST 700 KIDS**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PARKS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE:



April 21
Raise One for the Rouge fundraiser
American Harvest Brewpub, 18600
Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI

Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) invites you to Schoolcraft College's new American Harvest Brewpub for a beer tasting and brewery tour on Saturday April 21, 5- 7 p.m. Schoolcraft College has been hosting FOTR's Fall Bug Hunt since 2004. Schoolcraft recently started a brewing and distillation technology program and the products of this program will be featured.

Tickets for the event are \$35 in advance for FOTR members/\$40 for non-members and include beer tastes, a brewery tour and appetizers. All proceeds support Friends of the Rouge. [Click here for tickets.](#)

Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to restore, protect and enhance the Rouge River watershed through stewardship, education and collaboration.



ARBOR DAY SEEDLING GIVE-AWAY
for
NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS

*Sponsored by the Northville Township and City
Beautification Commissions*

Saturday, April 21, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (or until seedlings are gone)

Northville Township Hall

44405 Six Mile Road

(southwest side off Sheldon Road)

Tree seedlings are available, at no charge, to City, Township, and Northville School District residents. Individuals must show proof of residency. Requests by phone, mail, or from large groups cannot be accommodated.

For additional trees, order form can be found [here](#).

Saturday, April 21 - Fairy Garden Tea



1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Advance ticket purchase required
See phone, email below.

Wednesday, April 25 - The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

7 p.m.

Ric Mixer, a diver and photographer, gives first-hand information of events from interviews he conducted. This lecture focuses on the SS Edmund Fitzgerald and the storm on Nov. 10, 1975 that caused the sinking of this massive freighter.

Both of these events will be held at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Street, Northville

Sponsored by the Northville Historical Society

For more details please email office@millracenorthville.org or [visit our website](#) or Phone: 248- 348-1845.



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

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

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Collection

Ford Field (Livonia) enter off Stark Road from Schoolcraft

Open to residents of Livonia, City of Northville and Northville Township

Items accepted: Household paints, stains, dyes; floor wax, carpet cleaner; furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents; pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only); nail polish, glue; fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides; antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline; automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs (all types); fire extinguishers and smoke detectors; mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury.

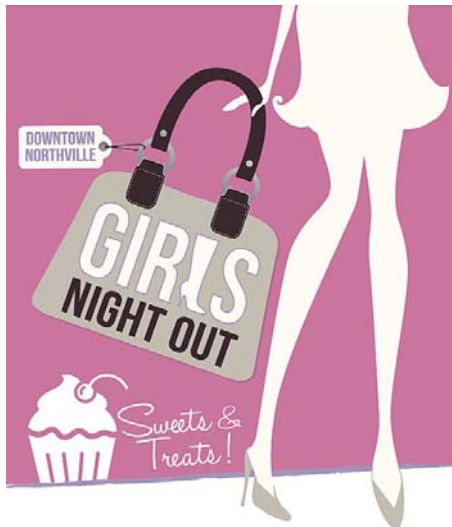
Electronics Recycling - computer CPU's, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice; cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

Items not accepted

Commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55-gallon drums, shock sensitive materials, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete. For information on

how to dispose of these items, please contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734- 326-3936.

City of Northville residents who live in Oakland County are able to participate in this event.



**April 27
5 - 9 p.m.
Girls' Night Out - Sweets & Treats**

Gather your girlfriends and join in the fun for a night of new merchandise, special offers, giveaways and fun in Downtown Northville. Businesses are staying open late and preparing a special event for [Girls' Night Out](#).

This popular event only happens twice each year. Take part in drawings and discounts at nearly 50 retail stores. From art galleries to boutiques, and home decor to jewelry, there's something for everyone.

After you've experienced the stores, unwind at one of 20 bars and restaurants. Everything is just a short stroll within the classic yet trendy downtown. There's also convenient, free parking. Many restaurants are offering specials for Girls' Night Out guests.

Business

Sign up for automatic tax bill payment

Take advantage of automatic tax bill payment. Residents and businesses may now pay their tax bills automatically by [clicking here and completing the online form](#).

Enroll in the program and your summer tax bill will be paid on Aug. 31. For the winter tax bill you designate the date of payment as either Dec. 31 or Feb. 14. By taking advantage of this program, your taxes will always be paid on time.

Participants in automatic bill payment of property taxes receive their tax bill in the mail on July 1 and Dec. 1 with a letter confirming when the withdrawal will be made from their account. PLEASE NOTE: This is a year-round program. Electronic Funds Payment is not available for only the summer tax or only the winter tax bill.

Tax & Assessing data lookup

You may retrieve tax and assessing data from the convenience of your home 24/7 by [visiting the City of Northville's website](#).

If you have any questions, call the Tax & Assessing Office at 248-449-9901.

Accountability & Transparency

To meet the requirements for Accountability & Transparency under City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing/County Incentive Program (CVTRS/CIP), the City of Northville must certify to the Michigan Department of Treasury they have produced and made readily available to the public:

1. A Citizen's Guide of its most recent local finances, including recognition of its unfunded liabilities
2. A Performance Dashboard
3. A Debt Service Report containing a detailed listing of its debt service requirements, including, at a minimum, the issuance date, issuance amount, type of debt instrument, a listing of all revenues pledged to finance debt service by debt instrument, and a listing of the annual payment amounts until maturity
4. A Projected Budget Report of revenues and expenditures including, at a minimum, the current fiscal year and a projection for the immediately following year and an explanation of the assumptions used for the projections

The above documents may be found by [visiting the City's website](#).

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

Yard signs

Please be advised that signs cannot be placed in the right-of-way. Signs must be placed on your property, behind the sidewalk, or will be subject to removal. If you have any questions, please call the Building Department at 248-449-9902.

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.

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.

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