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This Just In...

City Council recap

April 16, 2018

Public comments:

Karen Zyczynski represented the AAUW* of Northville/Novi Chapter. She provided an overview of the organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. She thanked the City Council for issuing a proclamation that recognized April 10, 2018 as Equal Pay Day. That's the

date that women's pay equals men's for the same job. On average, she noted, a white woman's pay rate is 78¢ for every \$1 a white man earns. It's even less for minority women. (*AAUW is the American Association of University Women.)

Dr. Ghulam Qadir, a psychiatrist and the CEO of a mental health practice in Dearborn, introduced himself as a candidate for the state senate. He resides in Northville Township and noted that building and maintaining good quality roads is a top priority.

Report from Financial advisers - Jaymes Vettraino, of Vettraino Consulting, and John Kaczor, of Municipal Analytics, presented their final report on a review of the City's long-range financial plan, with a close look at infrastructure costs, pension funding, and expenditures and liabilities. To fund road improvements, the advisers recommended securing a \$3.2 million bond (@ 3.5%) with funds generated by a .97 millage. If City Council approves a millage request, it will be placed on the November 2018 ballot.

Zoning section: Six ordinance amendments were presented for either first reading or second reading and approval. They are:

1. **Special Land use in general commercial district** (Section 11.03) - First reading: Eliminate the phrase "no more obnoxious or detrimental to the surrounding area" because it is vague. The Planning Commission instead is advised to use the Special Land Use standards to gauge whether an unlisted proposed use is similar to other acceptable uses in the district in question.
2. **Special Land Use Standards (16.01)** First reading: The recipient of applications and materials for special land use requests will be designated as the Building Department rather than the City Clerk.
3. **Fences** - (Section 18.09) First reading: If a residential property backs on a heavily traveled road, e.g. Beck, Novi Road, 8 Mile, etc., a fence no higher than 6 feet can be erected in the back yard or a side yard that faces the busy street.
4. **Site condominium development standards** (Section 18.14) - First reading: An applicant must submit "draft" condominium documents to the City Attorney for review after the Preliminary Site Plan has been approved. Any draft documents not approved by the City attorney must be brought back to the Planning Commission, which may recommend changes prior to final acceptance. The previous language required that the condominium documents be finalized at the review stage by the City attorney.
5. **Senior Living Facilities** - (section 16.18) First reading: A senior living group residence can only be built in the zoned multi-family district, R-3 or R-4, not on Cady Street or in the downtown area. The language was revised to reflect the current definitions of senior housing, ranging from independent apartments to Continuing Care Retirement Communities. The amendment also adds standards for site development and parking.
6. **Master plan changes involving Cady St. and Foundry Flask** - Second reading/approval by City Council: The amendment, in part, permits some first floor residential and removes some density requirements (number of units per

acre). It now goes to adjoining communities for a 42-day review, then will be discussed at a public hearing. Any revisions based on those reviews will be made by the Planning Commission before it is presented in final form to City Council.

Parking decks - City Council approved a contract, submitted as part of a bid process, to Carl Walker/WGI of Kalamazoo, in the amount of \$15,750 to prepare an evaluation, rehabilitation and maintenance plan for the MainCentre and Cady Street parking decks.

Watch the [video here](#).

State of the Community provides upbeat report on Northville



Photos by Liz Cezat

Mayor Ken Roth spoke about new development, which will bring more businesses and residents to the City of Northville.

The State of the Community luncheon was held on April 18 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center. Business people, community leaders and guests attended the event hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Speakers were Robert Nix, supervisor of Northville Township; Mary Kay Gallagher, superintendent of Northville Public Schools; and City of Northville Mayor Ken Roth.

Each spoke about achievements in the past year and plans for the future. Watch the City website and next week's City News for a full report on the Mayor Roth's

presentation, with key messages and a link to the video.



Among the guests were, from left, Terry Marecki, Wayne County Commissioner, Julie Van Ameyde, business owner; Chris Roosen, Northville resident; and Ann Bonde, of Begonia Brothers.

Oakland County Health Division reports confirmed rabies in skunk

A confirmed case of rabies has been found in a skunk removed from Rochester Hills. The Oakland County Health Division strongly urges residents to reduce rabies exposure by staying away from wild animals such as skunks, bats, raccoons, foxes, and stray cats and dogs.

If a wild animal is found behaving strangely, call the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center at 248-391-4102 for assistance. If bitten by any wild animal or an animal unknown to you, wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water and seek medical attention immediately. To report an animal bite, call the Health Division at 248-858-1286.

The rabies virus is found in the saliva of infected animals and is spread through bites or scratches. There are simple steps everyone can take to protect themselves from rabies:

- Have pets vaccinated regularly. This will protect them if exposed to animals

with the disease and prevent them from becoming a carrier and infecting humans.

- Do not handle stray, wild or dead animals.
- Call local animal control experts for help if an animal is acting strangely, including: having problems swallowing, exhibiting lots of drool or saliva, appearing tamer than you would expect, biting at everything, and/or having trouble moving or is paralyzed.
- Keep pets indoors or supervised to limit their exposure to wild animals that may be rabid.
- Use a leash when walking dogs or keep them in a fenced-in yard.
- Do not feed or put water for pets outside.
- Keep garbage securely covered, as these items may attract wild or stray animals.

More information about rabies can be found on the [Health Division's website](#) or by contacting Nurse on Call, weekdays, at 800-848-5533 or noc@oakgov.com.



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.

Events / Things to Do



Through April 28
Art House Exhibit: The Art of the Family:
Donald, Robert, Susan and William
Perrish

215 W. Cady Street

- **Art of the Family** features 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.

Donald, the eldest brother, has been drawing and painting his entire life. He attended the College for Creative Studies and is a freelance artist involved with fine art, murals and architectural art design.

Robert studied art at University of Michigan. After 30 years in the commercial art business, his art has evolved from wildlife painting and sculpture into landscape and figure painting.

William, like his brothers, picked up drawing at an early age. Largely self-taught, he explores different mediums and subject matter, developing his skills with each project.

Robert's wife Susan grew up surrounded by music and art. Her mother is a talented watercolor artist and her father was a gifted woodworker. After the couple's children were grown, she found her artistic talent through drawing, specializing in soft pastel portraits.

Regardless of their beginnings and how their artistry is expressed, one common trait among each artist is a sense of passion for art. Works in the exhibition are available online at [Art of the Family](#).

Also on View - Photography by Michigan Emerging Artist, Katlan Michalak of Ann Arbor

The Art House is open Tuesday-Friday from 12 -5 p.m. and Saturday from 12 -4 p.m. 248-344-0497 or [visit our website](#).

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 site).

A sampling of 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



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

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](#).



Northville Historical Society 2018 Lecture Series
The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald
April 25, 2018

The Edmund Fitzgerald is the largest shipwreck in the Great Lakes, broken into pieces by a November gale in 1975. 29 men simply vanished in the storm, leading researchers to puzzle over the final moments that denied the sailors a Mayday call.

Ric Mixter has visited the wreck site in person, diving 550 feet down in a small submersible in 1994. Since that time, he has interviewed investigators from the Coast Guard and Cousteau Society as well as the men who built the Fitz in Detroit. His documentary is considered the best available on the subject with exclusive construction footage Mixter uncovered as well as his spellbinding video from down below.

Ric Mixter was given an award for 20 years of maritime preservation by the Association of Great Lakes Maritime History. He has produced over 30 shows on local history for PBS and the Outdoor Channel and has appeared on the History and Discovery Channel as a shipwreck expert. Energetic and animated, he has changed the way lecturers share history.

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.



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

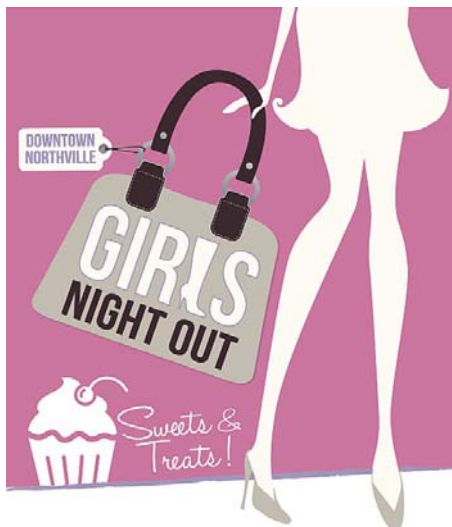
Items accepted: Household paints, stains, dyes; floor wax, carpet cleaner; furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents; pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only); nail polish, glue; fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides; antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline; automotive 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

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. [Click here to access this option](#). 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 \$10.00, anything over \$10,000

Around Town

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 3 business days.

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

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.

The following items are not collected: roots, stumps dirt, lumber, railroad ties or 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.

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