



May 24, 2018

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**City offices will be closed on Monday, May 28,
in observance of Memorial Day**

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This Just In...

Northville Police Department now at full strength with 13 police officers



New officer Melissa Vernon was sworn in this spring by Police Chief Michael Carlson.

Melissa Vernon didn't have to wrestle with her decision to leave the big-city police department of Detroit to join the ranks of the Northville Police Dept., where the pace is slower and more about assisting people in need - such as a car accident or life-saving event. Her prowess as a former student-athlete wrestler makes her ready and equipped to handle whatever comes her way.

She was sworn into office on April 26 by Police Chief Michael Carlson, who has brought the department to full strength with her hiring as the 13th officer.

Being a police officer is a dream come true for Vernon, 26, a Michigan native who aspired to serve others through law enforcement since elementary school when officers came to her Oakland County school to talk about the DARE program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). "I've always viewed officers as heroes," she said, "and wanted to be one too."

Being physically and mentally strong, she was attracted to wrestling as a sport. She was on wrestling teams from middle school, earning national recognition by the USGWA (U.S. Girls' Wrestling Assoc.) through college, as an NCAA scholar-athlete at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO.

After graduating with a B.A. in criminal justice, she went to China with a friend for one year to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to elementary school kids. She learned a bit of the Chinese language - its many dialects make it tough to master - but learned a lot about living in Asia and interacting with people who don't speak English. While there, she traveled to Malaysia, Hong Kong and Thailand.

After one year abroad, she enrolled in the Detroit Police Academy and worked two years for the Detroit Police Dept. before coming to Northville.

"Living in a foreign county helped me as a police officer because I put myself in a different situation and didn't know what to expect," Vernon said. "As an officer, I keep an open mind and am ready for whatever challenge may come.

"My experience and training (in Detroit) showed me how to handle a wide variety of different crimes. I had a lot of training in tactics - mental health first-aid, verbal de-escalation and interacting with diversity.



Photo by Liz Cezat

Officer Vernon retrieves keys that were accidentally locked inside the vehicle of a stranded motorist.

"Every day is different as a police officer," she added. "I am a good communicator and have compassion for people. I'm helping people at some of the worst times of their lives."

She is currently being trained by Sgt. Ken DeLano and calls him "a great FTO (field training officer)."

New to Northville, she is charmed by its culture. "The community is unbelievable - it's so welcoming and friendly. I'm excited to be here and want to be actively involved in the community as much as I can be."

When she's not working, she likes to hang out with her Jack Russell named Copper. Her father teasingly calls her Copper and her male dog, "Little Copper."

Beautification Commission delights residents and visitors with gardens and plantings



Photos by Liz Cezat

Members of the Beautification Commission came together on May 22 to plant flowers in planters lined up at the City Yards. Watch for these planters on City streets.

It's that time of year again - when downtown Northville blooms with new plantings and small public gardens that delight the senses. The hard-working members of the Beautification Commission (BC) plant the flowers selected by DDA Director Lori Ward and BC chairperson Diane Pittaway.

By the end of May, there will about 60 barrels of flowers and accent plants along the city streets, with eight sets of the tall triple barrels throughout the City.

Two flower beds at the parking entrance between Presbyterian Church and Long's will be brightened by 22 flats of Olympic white begonias. The entrance to Mary Alexander Court (across from the church entrance) will look festive with four flats of Angelina sedum, a ground cover.

BC members add flowers to the grand pots on the porch at Allen Terrace and plant annuals around the fountain and flag pole area there. They also add floral elegance to both ends of the Center Street island and keep weeds at bay.

City Hall will sport 60 Surefire Rose begonias, which will also adorn the fire station

sign. The lily bed in front of City Hall is kept up by members who weed and thin the area and add fresh mulch.

At Eight Mile and Center, the entrance into Northville, BC members weed the beds and add fresh mulch. They plan to add ornamental grasses to the sign berm this year.

Terry Snyder, BC member, designed and maintains the boulevard plantings in front of the VFW Hall. Pittaway planned and maintains the Rural Hill Cemetery entrance sign landscaping.

The commission's next project is to enhance the land around the sign on Griswold near Main. BC's two master gardeners Terry Snyder and Suemarie Klimek are lending their expertise to the plans, which may include a rain garden.

"Our main purpose is to encourage and inspire the business and residential community to beautify their outdoor spaces," said Pittaway. "We recognize businesses and community organizations that demonstrate exceptional effort at our annual awards program in September (held during the Rotary luncheon)."

Another corner touched by a BC team member is the parking lot entrance at Center and Cady. "We call it Nachi's corner because our member Nachi Hirato organizes the clean-up and planting of sunflowers there. That little corner is a catch basin for litter. Nachi and her crew keep it tidy and cute with sunflowers," Pittaway said.

"All this takes hours and hours of planning for flower and plant orders and organizing, not to mention the time and effort of generous volunteers," Pittaway noted. "We welcome new volunteers because it makes the work load lighter and it's fun to work together. Plus, we can see the beautiful outcome of our hard work throughout the summer."



Akira Umetani collects rocks at City Yards while his mother Keiko, shown



Bicyclists reminded to stay off equestrian trails at Maybury State Park



Photo provided by Maybury State Park.

If you've recently been to Maybury State Park at 8 Mile, west of Beck, you know that it attracts a lot of people - walkers, joggers, bicyclists, hikers and horseback riders, with over 523,000 visitors in 2017. As area farms give way to new subdivisions around Maybury, riding a bike in the park has grown in popularity. So much so that the horseback-riding trails occasionally have bicyclists attempting to share that narrow path.

"This practice is dangerous for everyone," says Park Supervisor Traci Sincock, who cautions that horses may be spooked by bicyclists and throw the rider or riders and bicyclists could sustain other injuries. Sincock notes that bicyclists may ride only on designated trails in the park and are not permitted to ride on equestrian trails. A state law on land use backs up that rule and those who disregard the law could be charged with a civil infraction and a fine of up to \$500.

Bicyclists may enter the park only through the park entrances on 8 Mile, west of Beck (main entrance) and at the intersection of 8 Mile and Beck, which is the LINK connection - a non-motorized trail that links the park to the Township, City and Hines Drive.

Here's a [link to the trail maps](#) that show six miles of trails for mountain biking, four miles of paved trail and 11 miles of horseback riding trails. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Traci Sincock at 248-349-8390 or by email: sincockt@michigan.gov.

Old Village School under construction



Photo by Liz Cezat

Last week's City News contained a brief article about the renovation project at Old Village School. For more information, visit www.northvilleschools.org and click on 2017 Bond Construction Updates.

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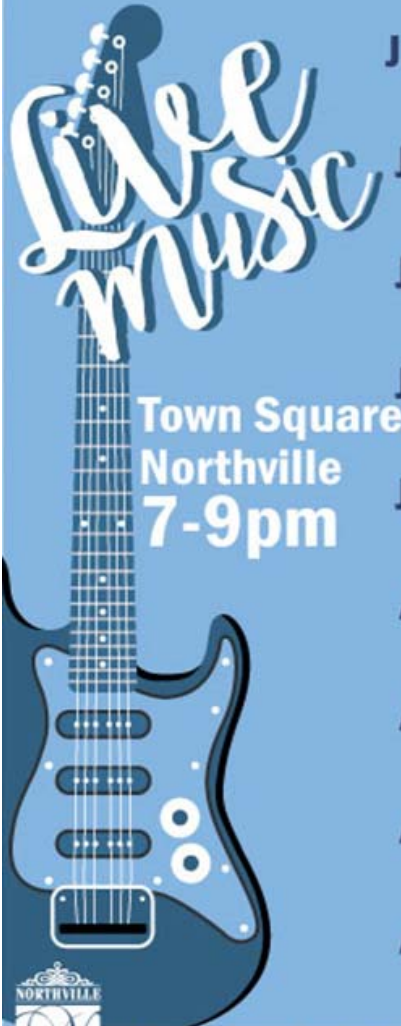
Thursdays, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Farmer's Market



Shop at the [Northville Farmers' Market](#) at the corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon Road for a bounty of delicious, locally sourced food for your table from farmers and merchants. ~~Travis Fuslier helps assist customers checking out flowers at the Fuslier Family Farm and Greenhouse space.~~ Gardeners can shop for plants and flowers and ask questions of master gardeners. Park on site or across the street at Northville Downs. This event is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

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- JUNE 29** Mr. Moody - Party Music
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- JULY 06** Randy Brock - Blues
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- JULY 13** Social Bandits - Rock/Funk/Blues
Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln
- JULY 20** Gia Warner - Rock Classic
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- JULY 27** Groove Therapy - Classic Rock
Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Community Financial Credit Union, LoveWell Home Care, Varsity Lincoln, Monroe Bank & Trust
- AUG 3** Buy Michigan Now Festival
No Concert
- AUG 10** Shawn Riley - Celtic /Classic Rock
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- AUG 17** Paddle Bots - Soul/Pop
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- AUG 24** Steve King & The Dittilies - Classic Rock
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May 28
Memorial Day Parade
Downtown Northville
10 a.m. Step-off

Hosted by VFW Post 4012. The parade starts on Griswold at Northville Downs, it will proceed west on Main Street to Hutton, to Dunlap, to south on Center to Cady,

west on Cady, stopping at Oakwood Cemetery, then proceeding to First, Fairbrook and ending at noon at the Veterans' Memorial at Rural Hill Cemetery.



AT MAYBURY FARM
SATURDAY, JUNE 2
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SQUARE DANCING WITH THE GOLDEN GRIFFON STRINGTET • SHEEP SHEARING • WAGON RIDES
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June 2
Party in the Ville
Downtown Northville
1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Party in the Ville is an event aimed at celebrating "All Things Northville." From our businesses, restaurants/bars, services, galleries to the people, Northville is a great town that cherishes community, hard work, and fun times.

This event will take place on Main Street and on the Town Square. There is no entrance fee, and we will have businesses, food vendors, beer/wine vendors and live music, all from Northville. We want to show everyone just how much we appreciate this community. So come on out and share in the fun as we celebrate "All Things Northville."

June 9
Household Hazardous Waste
Event
Henry Ford Community
College ~ 5101 Evergreen
Road, Dearborn
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Examples of Acceptable Items:

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 CPUs, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mouse controls, 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 also invited to participate in this event.

Northville's Annual Old Timers Luncheon

Tuesday, June 12

11 a.m. - arrival

11:30 a.m. - lunch

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

108 East Main St., Northville, MI 48167

\$15 per person

After lunch we will head into the theater for some old-time stories.

Call and make your reservation 248-349-0522

Send checks to Genitti's or pay at the door.

NORTHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

TUNES ON TUESDAY

FREE LIVE MUSIC FOR KIDS

TUESDAYS 10-30AM

DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE
at TOWN SQUARE
Off Main St. (Center and Hutton)

Performances are held RAIN or SHINE! Rain location will be at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Theatre (108 East Main, Northville). No strollers in Genitti's. Questions? Contact 248.349.0203 or visit northvilleparksandrec.org.

EVENTS

- JUNE 19**
JANET MARIE & M'ARCHIBALD
- JUNE 26**
CHRIS CLARK
- JULY 10**
PAULA DOAK
- JULY 17**
PALAMAZOO
- JULY 24**
STEPHANIE J
- JULY 31**
EARTH ANGELS
- AUGUST 7**
EUGENE CLARK
- AUGUST 14**
RICK KELLEY
- AUGUST 21**
KEVIN DEVINE
- AUGUST 28**
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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 3:30 p.m.

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

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, offers free home fire safety reviews. Call 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.

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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