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Meetings

City Council - Monday, June 18, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Downtown Development Authority - Tuesday, June 19, 8 a.m. - Meeting Room - City Hall

Planning Commission - Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Historic District Commission - Wednesday, June 20, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Senior Advisory Commission - Thursday, June 21, 1 p.m. - Community Center

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This Just In...

You're as young as you feel, so how can Esther Precobb be turning 100?



Photo by Liz Cezat

As a woman who says she always felt younger than she was, and doesn't count the years, Esther Precobb's upcoming 100-year birthday on June 23 is an event she's looking forward to. Joining in the anticipation are her five children, their spouses, and her two granddaughters.

She has lived at Allen Terrace for the past seven years. The Housing Commission, which advises on matters affecting Allen Terrace, acknowledged the resident's upcoming centennial birthday at their June 13 meeting.

Esther (nee Schultes) was born in Carroll, Iowa, as the second of four children. As a young girl, she loved music and took private lessons in the xylophone and piano. She performed at recitals. One of the long-lasting memories of her youth was meeting Franklin D. Roosevelt when she attended a parade in Minneapolis, MN, at age 13 with her cousin. The president reached out from the parade route and shook her hand. He left such an impression that when he died, she attended his funeral.

Esther studied to be an executive secretary at a business college, and went to Washington, D.C., to take a job at Dumbarton Oaks mansion, where she did office work for scientific researchers, including those involved in building the atomic bomb. "It was very exciting living in Washington," she recalled.

She met her husband, U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Julius Stephen Precobb, at a party. They married in 1944.

He landed a job in finance at Ford Motor Company, and did well, advancing to an executive level. When the oldest child was 16 and the youngest was only three months old, they were transferred overseas by Ford and stayed in various countries for four to five years at a time. The family lived in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

While living overseas, the Ford families would form a bond and socialize after work: playing cards, bowling and just getting to know each other. She and her family made a lot of friends all over the world, and later traveled to visit them. "It makes life more interesting to learn about different cultures," she said.

While raising her family and for decades later, Esther was an avid bridge player, bowler, painter and interior decorator. The family moved several times and she relished getting the new house in order with coordinating colors, fabrics and decorations.

"My children are taking good care of me," she said. Plus, she has followed her doctor's advice and has survived cancer.

Her family includes Patti, of Novi; Pam, of E. Gloucester, MA; Nancy Jane of Fla.; Steven, of MI; and Cynthia, who lives with her in a two-bedroom apartment at Allen Terrace. Grand daughters are Claire, of New York, and Laisay, of Los Angeles.

Longevity runs in her genes. Her mother lived to 98, and other relatives lived to be 100 and 102. She has outlived all of her siblings. Sadly, her husband died at age 83 in 2001.

"He was a wonderful dancer," she said, with a twinkle and a tear in her eyes, as she recalled the dance where they first met. "We had a happy, happy life."

Her advice for others who want to live to be an old age is "Just enjoy life."

Old-timers lunch relives memories



Photos by Liz Cezat

Brian Turnbull introduces guest speaker Mary Ware at the historic story-telling segment of the event.

This annual event that gathers together members of the older generation at Genitti's on June 12, felt like a homecoming for graduates from Northville High School. Four members of the class of 1955 attended as did graduates from several years between 1959-1967. Muriel Fagen Gyde said she was in the "Class of '55 and still alive." Another colleague called it the double-nickel.

Co-host Bruce Turnbull couldn't make it due to a recent fall. His son Brian, and fellow co-host, served as master of ceremonies. Among the approximately 50 attendees were Northville Mayor Ken Roth; Wendy Munch, library historian; and Jim Long, local business owner. Dr. Bill Ritter gave a heartfelt invocation, noting that one of the scheduled speakers, Lee Holland, couldn't make it because he took a detour and went to heaven instead. ([Holland died on May 3.](#))

After a hearty lunch served family-style, members of the group went to the adjoining theater to hear stories from the early 1900s through the mid-century.

Mary Ware, 97, aunt of the late John Genitti, founder of Genitti's, talked about visiting Maybury as a child, piling in the car with around 20 siblings and relatives. Back then, it was a sanitarium for patients with tuberculosis, but family members could visit and have picnics on the grounds. She married Don Ware, who was born and raised in Northville and built the apartments on Hutton, behind CVS. She showed photos of the house that was physically moved to Hutton and of the store that she owned next to the Marquis Theatre.

George Miller, one of the class of '55 members, told stories of when his father owned the Dodge dealership in town and Miller's Body Shop (formerly across from City Hall) and serviced many of the cars and trucks that drove through town well before 8 Mile was the main thoroughfare. Back then, the hilly, gravel-lined streets and hairpin turns would put many vehicles out of commission. The success of the body shop was due in part to location, location, location.

Brian Turnbull shared the history of the town's gravel pits, some of which served as swimming holes, and high points around town where you can see Detroit on a clear day.

He presented the first annual "Senior of the Year" award posthumously to Lee Holland. It was accepted by son Mark Holland and daughter Amy Brauer. Brian shared some poignant memories of Lee, who was a close family friend and major presence in Northville as a business owner, philanthropist and all-around good guy.

To wrap up the event, Terry Heaton, a friend of Lee's, sang country music songs, ending with the Willy Nelson classic "On the road again."



From left: Bob Ebert, (Class of '64); Richard Burton ('63); Terry Junod ('59); Jay Sugrue ('62), and Jim Long ('67).



From left: Marlene Shoebridge, Muriel Fagen Gyde, Dawn Campbell Schroder and George Miller (all class of '55), and George's wife Carol ('60).

Historic District Commission has an opening for an architect

City Council is accepting applications for qualified volunteers to fill the vacant Architect position on the Historic District Commission (HDC).

Applicants must be a resident of the City for two years, a registered voter, and have a professional degree in architecture plus at least two years of full time experience in architecture or a state license to practice architecture. Education in architectural preservation, American architectural history, preservation planning or a closely related field, or full-time professional experience on historic preservation projects is preferred, but not a prerequisite.

HDC members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council, and serve as the body that reviews work in the Historic District to carry out the procedures set forth in the City of Northville's historic preservation ordinance, in conjunction with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

The Historic District Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at City Hall. More information about the HDC and the City's historic preservation ordinance is available on the City's website.

Applications are available on the [City of Northville's website](#) or at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167. Completed applications must be

returned by June 25, 2018. Qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews with the Selection Committee.

Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy

City Council is accepting applications for qualified and interested volunteers to fill an upcoming vacant alternate member position on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) carries out the provisions in Article 25 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance, and also considers any other matters upon which the BZA is called upon to act under law or other ordinances.

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Hall. Applicants must be residents of the City of Northville for at least two years and be registered to vote in the City.

Applications are available on the [City of Northville's website](#) or at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167. Completed applications should be returned to the City Clerk's office, which also contacts applicants to schedule interviews with the Selection Committee. Applications will be accepted until June 21, 2018.



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Moms watched as their children played in Town Square with the oversize games. From left, Jack, Lauren and Layla.

Events / Things to Do

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



Photo by Liz Cezat

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. It's a festive day with 70 stalls of Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products, along with booths of crafts, art, jewelry, furniture and more. 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.



NORTHVILLE YOGA ROOM
& MAYBURY STATE PARK
PRESENT



Yoga in the Park

THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH
6:30 PM

Maybury State Park
Eight Mile Road Park Entrance
Class will be held at the Trailhead
Shelter Open Space

Grab your yoga mat and join Northville Yoga Room for an all-levels yoga flow at Maybury State Park beginning Thursday, June 14th. This event is free to the Northville and surrounding communities.

All vehicles entering the park are required to have a Recreation Passport to enter. For more information visit

<http://miyogaroom.com>.

Through June 30



**Northville Art House Exhibit
The end of nowhere: stories and
photographs by Thomas Pickarski**

In this narrative and photographic journey, New York artist Thomas Pickarski explores the natural landscape of Iceland, Greenland and Patagonia, among other fascinating places, through lighthearted storytelling and 32 dramatic black and white photographs.

[Read more...](#)

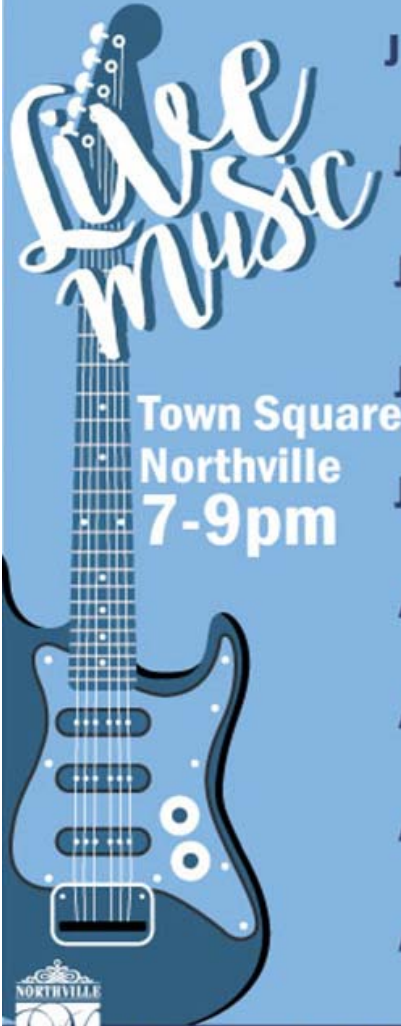


**Every Wednesday through August 29
Wednesday Night Concert Series:
Northville Unplugged
Town Square
7 - 9 p.m.**

Enjoy a free, family-friendly acoustic concert in Town Square every Wednesday night through the summer. This new event is sure to delight residents and visitors of all ages.

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MAY 25 Northville High School Jazz Band

Sponsors: RE/MAX Dream Properties - Lisa Hall

JUNE 22 Theo Gridiron - Pure Detroit Soul

Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Community Financial Credit Union

JUNE 29 Mr. Moody - Party Music

Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln

JULY 06 Randy Brock - Blues

Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, St. Mary Mercy

JULY 13 Social Bandits - Rock/Funk/Blues

Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln

JULY 20 Gia Warner - Rock Classic

Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln, St. Mary Mercy

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

Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln, Monroe Bank & Trust

AUG 17 Paddle Bots - Soul/Pop

Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Monroe Bank & Trust, St. Mary Mercy

AUG 24 Steve King & The Dittilies - Classic Rock

Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln, Monroe Bank & Trust

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PROVIDENCE PARK HOSPITAL



Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 24, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Northville's Arts and Acts Festival



Millennium Park - 45769 6 Mile Road, Northville Twp.

The Northville Art House shines a spotlight on the imagination, art, talent and cultural diversity of artists throughout the region when the annual [Arts and Acts Festival](#) returns for the ninth consecutive year - this time the venue is the beautiful Millennium Park in Northville. The Festival includes the 30th annual juried fine art show [Art in the Sun](#), featuring over 60 talented artists; the first annual [Maker's Mart of Northville](#) highlighting artisans and makers throughout the area; musical entertainment featuring some of metro Detroit's top musicians; children's activities; the 5th annual [Northville Art House Chalk Festival](#); and a large variety of food and drink. The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host Tapped in the 'Ville Craft Beer festival in the park on Saturday, June 23 from 2 - 6 p.m.

[Arts and Acts](#) brings together the community to celebrate the local arts. With the exception of a recommended donation for the chalk festival, [Arts and Acts](#) is a free event. It is also a major fundraiser for the Northville Art House.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce Presents:



BEER | MUSIC | ENTERTAINMENT

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018
2:00 - 6:00PM**

MILLENNIUM PARK

45769 W. 6 MILE, NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

**TICKET COST: \$25 BEFORE JUNE 1
\$30 AFTER JUNE 1**

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES: ADMISSION TO EVENT

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Living Learning Enrichment Center

A 501(c)3 nonprofit which helps individuals with autism
and related challenges reach their full potential in work,
relationships, and in the community

OPEN HOUSE



DJ Dance Party 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Atypical Talent Show 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Visit Living and Learning Enrichment Center's new location!

- Enjoy the beautiful gardens
- Take a tour through the Center
- Hungry? Try some of the delicious treats from food vendors on the grounds.

June 22, 2018 • 3:00pm - 9:00pm

**315 Griswold, Downtown Northville
(north of the Water Wheel building)**

For more information visit www.livingandlearningcenter.org
or call (248) 308-3592

Business

Paperless billing option for utilities

Utility bill customers may 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 as a PDF. 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.

Scheduling online inspections

Contractors and homeowners in the City of Northville may schedule inspections using the [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.

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).

What to do if a water main breaks

Each year the City has between 10 and 20 water main breaks. 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.

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. 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. To schedule an appointment, call 248-449-9920.

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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