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Meetings

City Council - Monday, July 2, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

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Meetings invite public comment on 501 W. Main Street building purchase & redevelopment



The Northville School District Board of Education is evaluating proposals for the purchase of the school building at 501 W. Main (formerly Main Street Elementary School) and invites all who belong to the school district to be part of the process.

A meeting was held on June 26 and an upcoming meeting will be held on July 10, at Hillside Middle School, 775 North Center St., Northville, at 6:30 p.m. in the Forum. View the meeting notice here.

See more information about the process and proposals here.

Recycling update - what to recycle and what to toss



Photo by Liz Cezat

With single-stream recycling, materials don't have to be separated within the recycling container. Newspapers and magazines no longer have to be tied in bundles or put into paper bags. Cardboard up to 2 x 2 ft. is accepted. Plastic food containers, glass jars and metal cans should be rinsed before putting them into the bin. Other items that are now recyclable include frozen food boxes and pizza boxes (without any food residue or oil stains).

Among the materials that can't be recycled are waxed paper, waxed cardboard (certain frozen food boxes), unmarked plastics, plastics marked as #3 or #6, and plastic bags. Styrofoam cups and containers aren't collected by Waste Management, even if they are marked as recyclable.

Be diligent when recycling, make sure containers do not have any liquid in them. If any liquid (milk, juice, soup, even water) spills on the paper in the bin, the paper can't be recycled.

While the City's contractor, Waste Management, doesn't accept plastic bags, area stores often collect plastic bags for recycling. Consumers are encouraged to reuse plastic bags for small trash containers, future shopping, and packaging and storing items. To reduce the amount of plastic bags you accumulate, use sturdy yet lightweight, foldable totes for groceries and produce shopping.

For a complete list of accepted recyclable items, <u>download the flier</u>. <u>Visit the Waste Management website</u> for fun facts, detailed information and videos.

Safety Town helps children learn about traffic and personal safety



Photo by Liz Cezat

Northville Police Officer Davis takes questions from the young audience.

Every summer, nearly 200 children attend the Safety Town program managed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Dept.

The gym of St. Paul Lutheran Church at 201 Elm St. is decked out as a mini city with pop-up fabric houses and a "road" around the town. Pedal cars allow the kids to practice driving. There's even a traffic light, which helps the kids learn about crossing the street. An instructor describes potential hazards and engages the children in a discussion about how to respond to certain traffic situations. Other lessons are taught through art projects, videos and games.

On Tuesday, June 26, Northville Police Officer Davis, accompanied by officer Vernon, talked to the kids about "stranger danger" - how to keep themselves safe in their neighborhoods and in public places; and how to act around guns (including those in their homes) - never touch them or play with them. A police discussion is part of the weekly series, along with a talk by a member of the Northville Fire Dept.

There are still openings for this educational and fun program for kids age 5 or entering kindergarten in fall 2018, the weeks of July 9, 16 and 23, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$105 for residents/\$115 for non-residents. Register by calling the Parks and Recreation office at 248-349-0203 or go to their website.



Photo by Liz Cezat

The instructor asks kids what they should do at a stop sign.

Guidelines for residents who plan to set off fireworks over the holidays



The Independence Day holiday is the busiest time of the year for the use of fireworks. The State of Michigan allows the sale and use of consumer-grade

fireworks, such as roman candles, bottle rockets and other aerial explosives. For Independence Day, state law allows personal displays to be set off from 8 a.m. to midnight on July 3, 4 and 5. It prohibits municipalities from banning their use on federal holidays and one day before and after those holidays.

It is unlawful to ignite fireworks on public property, school grounds, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission. Violation carries a \$500 fine. Also, it is a misdemeanor for a person to use fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The penalty is 30 days in prison, a fine of \$500, or both.

Fireworks law has drawn citizen objections

Many residents have complained about the state's restrictions governing the fireworks ordinance in the City of Northville. If you would like to see the law changed regarding local control of fireworks, please contact your state representative or state senator. Find them here.

The current fireworks law, P.A. 256, went into effect on Jan. 1, 2012. An amendment in 2013 allows local municipalities to set their own restrictions on fireworks usage, except during the day and evening hours of federal holidays and the day before and after the holiday.

You can read the "Michigan Fireworks Safety Act" here.

"Please be considerate of your neighbors if you plan to set off fireworks," said Northville Mayor Ken Roth, "Many residents are particularly sensitive to the noise from fireworks' explosions. The noise carries for blocks and can be disturbing to many veterans, children, the elderly and even pets."

If you are buying fireworks, make sure the seller has a certification from the Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. See the <u>LARA website</u> for a list of sellers. Buyers must be 18 years or older.

Who to call for complaints on and around the holiday

If you have questions or concerns about noise or unlawful use of fireworks, please contact the Northville Dispatch Center at 248-349-1234. If you see an injury or a fire caused by fireworks, please call 911. If using a cell phone, be prepared to report your location to the dispatcher.

Tunes on Tuesday gets the audience dancing



Photos by Liz Cezat

On Tuesday, June 26, Chris Clark performed and led the audience - including toddlers and young children - in dancing and singing to hits such as watch me (whip/nae nae) and the now classic Macarena.

The free summer concert series for families is managed by Northville Parks and Recreation, and sponsored by the DDA, Ward Church and Community Financial Credit Union. (Individual concerts have additional sponsors.) It's held from 10:30 to noon at Northville Town Square (rain location is at Genitti's, 108 E. Main).

There is no concert on July 3. The next concert is July 10 with performer Paula Doak. See the full schedule here.



The concert series is a favorite summer event for families - even babies seem to like it.

Open House shines light on new location of autism center



Photo provided by Living and Learning Center.

The Living and Learning Enrichment Center held an open house on June 22 that drew people from Northville and area communities to the nonprofit that provides counseling, music therapy and other resources to autistic teens and young adults. Guests ranged from professionals, including social workers, psychologist and teachers, to potential clients and their parents.

Kids and young adults applied their creative skills to the "Come Chalk with Us" giant chalkboard. Other activities included face painting, art projects, a talent show, DJ dance party, and canoe demonstrations by Heavner Canoe Rentals. Northville Planet Fitness was one of the sponsors of the open house, which also garnered support from several local businesses and restaurants.

The Center is located at 315 Griswold, on the grounds of Mill Race Village. Tours are available, check the website for more information.

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 DAY NIGHT CONCERTS

Presenting Sponsor



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MAY Northville High School Jazz Band

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JUNE Theo Gridiron - Pure Detroit Soul

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JULY Randy Brock - Blues

JULY Social Bandits - Rock/Funk/Blues

JULY Gia Warner - Rock Classic

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JULY Groove Therapy - Classic Rock

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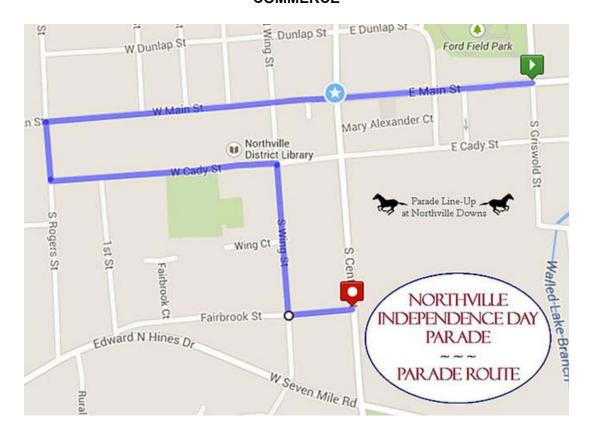
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NORTHVILLE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 | 10:00AM DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE

PRESENTED BY NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION & NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE





4th of July - Mill Race Historical Village

Come join us after the parade for an old-fashioned Fourth of July Celebration!

Buildings open from 11 AM-2:30 PM

Food and Refreshments from All City Dogs

Hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, fresh squeezed lemonade, bottled water, and ice cream available for purchase

Events including:

Flag Raising at 11:30 at the Wash Oak School
Novi Brass Quintet in front of the Hirsch Blacksmith Shop
Citizens of the American Colonies and Friends in the Cady Inn with Colonial Artifacts
Sign the Declaration of Independence in the New School Church
Civil War Sharpshooters Encampment

Ottawa Long Rifles, Games, Spinning, and Encampment
Eclipse Baseball vs Wahoo Baseball Club at Noon
Paul Revere & Ben Franklin Debate the Declaration of Independence-2pm by Gazebo
Shopping at the J.M. Mead General Store
Old fashioned games on the Village Green & Plant demonstration by CGCN

Mill Race Village is located at 215 Griswold St, adjacent to Ford Field in Northville.

The Northville Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization responsible for the financing and operation of Mill Race Village.

Visit our website at www.millracenorthville.org to become a member of the Society or to make a donation.







Northville Garden Walk 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 (Six Northville homes/Cady Inn) The 25th anniversary of the Northville Garden Walk will showcase six private gardens in Northville paired with festivities at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. Members of the garden club will have decorated the inn for the day of the garden walk. They invite guests to hear live music by local musicians and enjoy freshly baked cookies. Guests can enter a drawing to win a special anniversary prize.

Tickets are available at <u>Gardenviews</u> for \$12 in advance, or <u>by mail</u> (order by July 4): On the day of the event, the cost is \$15 and tickets will be available at Mill Race Village and at the gardens on tour. The event is a fundraiser that supports local organizations and education. <u>Visit the club's website</u> to learn more.

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 <u>clicking here and completing the online form</u>.

Enroll in the program and your summer tax bill will be paid on August 31st. For the winter tax bill you designate the date of payment as either December 31st or February 14th. By taking advantage of this program, your taxes will always be paid on time whether you are sick or out of town. Added benefits are no checks to write, no need to wonder if the check was received in time to avoid penalty and no trips to City Hall.

Participants in automatic bill payment of property taxes receive their tax bill in the mail on July 1st and December 1st 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.

Around Town

Historic Resource Council 2017 Directory is available

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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.

Days and times to water your lawn and garden

The City of Northville uses mandatory outdoor watering restrictions to reduce the amount of water used during peak hours of demand from our supplier, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA).

Residents with automatic sprinkling systems may water their grass between midnight and 5 a.m. on odd or even days of the month, based on your house address. If your address ends with an even number, e.g. 200, you may water during unrestricted times only on even days, such as the 20th and 22nd. If your address ends with an odd number, e.g. 201, you may water during unrestricted times only on odd days, such as 21st and 23st.

Residents who connect a hose to the City water system may water their lawn and gardens between 11 a.m. and midnight on either odd or even days, based on your house address. (See examples above.)

Residents who do not follow these restrictions are committing a civil infraction and may be issued a ticket, which cost \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for repeat offenses. If you use water from a private well, please notify the City's Department of Public Works so patrols aren't made to check your water use.

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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