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## **Meetings**

City Council - Monday, August 6, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

**CANCELLED Planning Commission** - Tuesday, August 7, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Arts Commission - Wednesday, August 8, 7 p.m. - Art House

Agendas and minutes are available by clicking here

This Just In...

Long-serving police chief retires



Michael Carlson retired as police chief of the City of Northville on Buty 31. Last held the position since September 2014, when he was promoted from serving as a captarn left half some Grand partner of the Grand for the constant of the co

City Manager Pat Sullivan spoke highly of the chief's contributions and work ethic. "It was a pleasure working with Chief Carlson. He is a true professional, highly ethical, a great leader, but also, just a really great person to work with. In a small, tight-knit organization, that's really important. We'll miss the fine work that he did here, but we'll miss him more as a person who we truly enjoyed seeing every day. He's laid a great foundation in the police department. He's earned all the great things that will be coming his way in retirement and whatever career path he takes."

Below is a Q & A that summarizes Chief Carlson's career - highlights, challenges and community involvement - that made his tenure personally rewarding for him and safer for residents, business owners and visitors.

# Q1. The bulk of your career has been spent in Northville. What was it about the work culture and people that you served with that made you want to stay here?

A. I spent almost 10 years in the U.S. Army as a military policeman. Most of my military police assignments were on small military bases. Once leaving the military and putting myself through the police academy, it was natural to become a civilian police officer in a small community. The quaintness and friendliness of Northville made it an easy choice. During my career in Northville, I got to know many people in the community and I feel like I played a part in making the community what it is

today. The small-town atmosphere made it easy to walk and talk to people downtown. Patrolling in the subdivisions and talking with the citizens was enjoyable. Interacting with people in this manner helped me get to know what's going on in the area and I also developed very good friendships from it. This type of policing is necessary in any community to keep good relations between the citizens and police, and it seemed to occur naturally in Northville.

### Q2. What has been the highlight of your career here?

A. There have been many highlights. Overall, I would say that the stand-out is having the privilege of leading this agency and having a role in developing the personnel in it. I think the community should know that they have a great police department with hard-working police officers and support staff that hold true to the department's three values: responsiveness, ethics and respect. The community is in good hands.

### Q3. What values of policing do you really relate to?

A. Always try to treat others the way you would want to be treated. Our department's values fit nicely into this philosophy.

# Q4. What kept you engaged in a job that can be dangerous and one in which you are often seeing people at their worst...due to perpetrating a crime or being a victim of crime?

A. Victims need our assistance in getting justice; the community expects to be safe in their neighborhoods; people sometimes only have the police to call on for help-this is why we are here and do what we do. It takes a certain type of person to be a police officer willing to be there for others in a time of need. Whether it's a complex, dangerous situation or as simple as rescuing a cat stuck in a tree (yes, we do respond to this type of call). A sense of accomplishment is gained when you formulate a plan, implement that plan, and come out of the situation successfully. The excitement and problem-solving challenges of this profession is what kept me engaged.

#### Q5. What are your future plans?

A. I will be taking a vacation, spending the rest of the summer with my children and grandchildren, and looking to establish a new career elsewhere.



Photo by Liz Cezat

During his last month at work, Michael Carlson got to greet many in the city that he loved by driving one of the lead vehicles in the Independence Day Parade.

### Road millage reports

At the general election on Nov. 6, 2018, voters in the City of Northville will be asked to decide on a ballot proposal for the issuance of a \$3,050,000 Street Improvement Bond, paid for over 10 years, to replace and repair a segment of the City's roads and provide upgraded maintenance to slow the rate of deterioration.

To view the latest news on the road millage proposal, please visit the City's website. A new Q & A section is being posted to answer common questions that pertain to costs, repairs, scheduling, maintenance and more. As the election draws closer, there will be more articles in City News about the bond issue.

### Be in the know before you vote

The League of Women Voters provides a non-partisan, online Voter Guide for Michigan's Primary Election. Visit <u>VOTE411.org</u> to access candidate information and see which office they are running for; it's localized - simply type in your voting address. Federal, state, county and local candidates/races are all covered in the

guide. <u>VOTE411.org</u> contains the candidates' responses to League questions. The League of Women Voters is the most trusted source of non-partisan election information in the country.



**Vote411.org** is the one-stop shop for non-partisan information on elections and candidates.

Read and compare candidate responses to questions on relevant issues.

Find your polling place and find out what will be on your ballot.

Be an informed voter!

Your education.

Your healthcare.

Your community.

Your future.

Your vote counts for many things. Take control. Get registered. Get educated. Get out and vote. Learn more at

www.VOTE411.org

**VOTE411.org** is the nation's premiere online election resource.

The League of Women Voters has added our voter's guide to VOTE411.org so that it can serve as a resource for all Michigan voters.



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League of Women Voters of Michigan 600 W. St. Joseph St., 3G, Lansing, MI 48933 517-484-5383, WWW.LWVMI.ORG Be prepared to vote at the Tuesday, Aug. 7 primary election. Sample ballots and other important election information is available on the <u>City of Northville's website</u>. Visit the <u>Michigan Secretary of State website</u> to confirm your voter registration and find your polling place.

### New voting equipment to be used at election

When voters go to the polls, they will use new voting equipment that makes it easier and more secure to cast a ballot. The units were first used in Northville during the Nov. 7, 2017 election.

Voters will still mark a paper ballot using a blue or black pen. They will fill in the box instead of an oval next to their choice. When the ballot is complete, the voter will insert it into a new tabulator, which confirms the vote with a picture of an American flag and the message "Your vote has been recorded. Thank you for voting."

The new equipment uses digital optical scan technology to count the paper ballots, which can also be recounted manually if necessary. After voting ends, election results are transmitted via cellular to the county. Also, on election night, a sealed printed set of results is delivered to the County Board of Canvassers.

There is also a voter assist terminal for voters with physical disabilities (hearing, visual, physical or other conditions) that enables them to vote using a touch screen, sip and puff device, or a controller.

View this <u>video</u> produced by the Oakland County Clerk's office to see how the new equipment works.

# Michigan Voter Information Center

Your source for Michigan election information

# Visit Michigan.gov/vote to:

- View your sample ballot.
- Find out if you are registered to vote.



# Visit **Michigan.gov/vote** to:

· View your sample ballot.

 Find out if you are registered to vote.

Find your voting location.

- Track your absentee ballot.
- · And much more!

Also available on smart devices.





# Training keeps Explorers at cutting-edge of new firefighting tactics and technology



The Explorers post from Northville participated in the propane fire exercise at UIFSI annual training in Illinois.

Every summer, the Northville City Fire Department sends a group of Explorers - young adults and teens interested in becoming firefighters - to the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute in Champaign for intense training in firefighting and rescue skills. Two Explorers, Lucas Calandro, 19, and Brennan Mikel, 18, attended the Explorer Cadet Fire Academy in July. They were joined by Post Advisor Shari Allen and former Explorer Paul McKeever, now serving in the Air Force.

The four-day event serves some 400 people, mostly from nearby states. The students are divided into a basic or advanced group depending on their skill level and prior training. Lucas, in his fourth year with the Explorers, participated in the advanced class and practiced training with live fire.

One of the highlights of this year's training was teaching participants how to fight a propane fire hands-on. Two industrial-size propane tanks were lit and the trainees advanced to extinguish the fire. They were taught to deal with the dangers that make a propane-based fire harder to fight than a regular fire due to increased risks. Because propane is invisible, it can migrate under their face shield and cause burns. Their training taught them to open their face shields slightly to let harmful vapors escape.

Brennan attended the Basic class and, according to Allen, "He got about a year's worth of training in four days. He was able to learn a lot of the basic skills such as equipment and tactics for ropes and knots, structural firefighting techniques, emergency medical services and auto extrication."

The Northville post has worked in conjunction with the post of Western Springs Fire Department in Illinois for the past three years, each providing adult staff to assist during training, evening activities and at the dorms.

"We are always impressed by the wonderful staff at the academy and the firefighters who volunteer to be trainers for this group of teens and young adults looking to get a head-start on their fire careers," Allen said.

She added, "It takes a lot of effort and help to allow our Explorers to attend the academy - this is our 10th year attending."

The post has the full support of Fire Chief Steve Ott, who notes that many former Explorers have been hired over the years as paid-on-call firefighters, including four current personnel.

Several members of the department helped provide training to the Explorers, staffed the post's most recent car wash and conducted fit testing to make the trip possible.

Northville's Explorer program meets twice a month and holds monthly drills in fire-fighting tactics and EMS skills. It is chartered through Learning-for-Life's Explorer program (a division of Boy Scouts of America) and is funded entirely by grants and donations.

The post is active in the community, as kids help conduct fire drills at Allen Terrace, the city's senior housing facility; assist at festivals; play victim for mock disaster drills and help other community groups.

About 80 percent of the Explorers who attend the Northville program pursue a career as a firefighter or in a related capacity.

## Beat the heat in August - send your kids to camp at Maybury State Park



Photo provided by Northville Parks and Recreation.

Northville Parks and Recreation invites kids, ages 6 to 11, to explore the great outdoors and meet new friends at Summer Day Camp at Maybury State Park the weeks of August 6-10 and August 13-17.

It's the 37th year for this popular day camp, where kids play games, hike in the woods, go fishing, attend weekly field trips, create crafts and socialize.

"One of the favorite activities for kids is to build forts from items they find in the forest," said Dave Lesmeister, recreation supervisor of programs at Northville Parks and Recreation. "They also like the field trips."

The staff is comprised of college students and recent graduates who enjoy guiding

kids and interacting with them, with a minimum ratio of one counselor to 10 kids. Extra counselors are on hand to give the day campers plenty of supervision and attention. Kids keep cool with water balloons and other water games without actually going swimming. They bring their own lunch.

Parents can drop off their kids at the Horse Stable Parking lot at 20145 Beck Road in Northville Township and counselors walk them to the camp site. The site overlooks the pond, making it a beautiful setting. Hours are from 9:30 to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. There's an early drop-off for an additional fee.

The cost for a week of camp is \$170 for residents of Northville (city and township), and \$180 for non-residents. For each additional child in the same family, there is a \$30 discount off the regular rate. The camp is licensed through the State of Michigan Department of Human Services. To register, go to <a href="mailto:northvilleparksandrec.org">northvilleparksandrec.org</a> (click on registration/youth recreation) or call 248-349-0203.

# Openings for volunteer members to serve on the City of Northville's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Northville City Council plans to establish a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and is seeking qualified applicants to volunteer to serve on this Board.

Applicants must be a resident of the City of Northville. Residents with expertise in environmental, economic development, real estate, finance, and legal matters would be complementary to this Board.

The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will meet as needed to consider requests by developers to establish brownfield projects to fund environmental cleanup and other eligible activities. For more information on the Brownfield Development Authority, contact Pat Sullivan, City Manager, at 248-449-9905.

Applications are available on the <u>City of Northville's website</u> or at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167. Qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews with the Board and Commission Selection Committee. Applications will be accepted until vacancies are filled.

# Historic District Commission seeking new member to fill vacant position

City Council is accepting applications for qualified volunteers to fill the vacant position on the Historic District Commission (HDC). Applicants must be a resident of

the City and a registered voter.

Although not required, additional qualifications desired include a professional degree in architecture, archaeology, anthropology, architectural history, historic preservation, or a closely related field.

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 <u>City of Northville's website</u>.

Applications are available on the <u>City of Northville's website</u> or at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167. Completed applications must be returned by August 13. Qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews with the Selection Committee.

## **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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JULY Social Bandits - Rock/Funk/Blues

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# at Maybury

# Mondays, July 2- August 20 7:00 p.m.

## Maybury State Park Trailhead

(Eight Mile Road entrance)

#### **Entertainment Schedule**

July 2: Rise Again

(folk/classic rock)

July 9: Undecideds (acoustic)

July 16: High Street Band

(classic garage)

July 23: The Mayburys (garage)

July 30: John Campbell & Friends

August 6: Detroit Social Club

(soul/Motown/blues)

August 13: Northville Strings Students

(symphonic/strings)

August 20: Busted By Nine (classic rock)

Maybury State Park Office (248) 349~8390 Ride your bike, bring a picnic and enjoy Monday night music at Maybury State Park. FREE Family friendly entertainment

Concerts made by possible by the donations and efforts of these organizations:

- Northville Community Foundation
- General RV—Wixom
- Friends of Maybury State Park

All vehicles entering the park are required to have a Recreation Passport. Passports may be purchased at the Self Registration Kiosk at each park entrance.



Opening reception on Aug. 3, from 6 - 9 p.m. Northville Art House 215 W. Cady Street

# **HOUSE OF WAX: Juried Encaustic Competition**

The Northville Art House is hosting the HOUSE OF WAX: Juried Encaustic Competition Aug. 3-25. The competition features 39 works created by 23 artists nationwide who demonstrate the visual possibilities of working with cold wax and encaustic (hot wax). The paintings, prints, collage, and sculptural works selected by competition juror Candace Law reveal the inherent qualities of the media such as depth, texture and luminosity, as well as the unique style of each artist.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, Aug. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. with an awards presentation and juror's talk at 7 p.m. to celebrate these participating artists: Suzanne Allen, Winnie Chrzanowski, Kellen Deau, Gwen Downs, Kim Ensch, Teresa Foster, Naomi Hart, Beverly Koivunen, Maria Latour, Rosemary Lee, Kathleen McNamee, Jason Merriman, Jody Paulson, Melissa Porter, Cindy Rashid, Melissa Rian, Mia Risberg, Jenny Schwartz, Jennifer Stefanek, Ruth Warnock, Wendy Wernet, Lisa Wight and Paula Zammit. The artists are competing for six awards totaling more than \$750.

Encaustic is an ancient medium that dates back as early as the 4th and 5th centuries BCE in Greece, created by mixing dry pigments with a molten wax, usually beeswax. The medium made a rebirth in the mid-20th Century with the American artist Jasper Johns and since the 1990s has grown in popularity with the availability of portable electric heating implements such as a hotplate and other tools that make the medium more accessible.

**About the Juror: Candace Law** is a full-time artist in the Detroit area. After receiving degrees and working in other fields, she earned a BFA in Architectural Illustration, but found herself drawn to fine art. Her current work focuses on encaustic (hot wax) and mixed media, especially incorporating found objects.

"Art for me is a means of communicating about our environment, our lives, sharing our experiences and reflecting how they inform each other."

Her exhibits include several solo shows as well as numerous regional and national exhibitions-both invitational and juried competitions. Her work has appeared in Encaustic Arts magazine, as well as the Studio Visit publication, and is in a number of private collections, including at Detroit's Historic Trinity Church. Candace teaches encaustic workshops and works from her studio in Berkley, MI.





Saturday, Aug. 4 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 5 10 a.m. - 5
p.m.
Buy Michigan Now Festival
Downtown Northville

Entering its 10th year in downtown Northville, the <u>Buy Michigan Now Festival</u> is a weekend celebration of the state's annual Buy Michigan Week. This family-friendly event includes tasty treats, street vendors, live music, and children's activities, all highlighting Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-made products. Together we are revitalizing the economy, one product, one purchase, one person at a time.

Admission and parking are free. Main and Center streets are closed in the middle of downtown to make it easy to shop and dine, while enjoying live entertainment from some of Michigan's finest performers.

Saturday, August 11 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Westland Shopping Center (enter off Nankin from Central City Pkwy.) 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.

Saturday, August 11
Bricklin International Car Show



# Downtown Northville 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Free and open to the public! Come check out these extremely rare gull-wing doorcars as they are being judged on Main Street. Read more...



## **Business**

## Online payments for utility bills and taxes

If you want the convenience of paying taxes and utilities online, you can do so by visiting the City's website and using the services of Point & Pay, which processes the payment and charges a convenience fee. Go to the <a href="City of Northville's website">City of Northville's website</a> and select either Property Tax and Assessing Lookup or Utility Bill Statement and Payments from the Quick Links menu (left side, green column). Search for your property and click on the "Pay Online" button. You will be re-directed to the Point & Pay website to make a payment.

Fees:

Credit Cards: 3% Fee (min. \$2)

E-Checks: Flat fee of \$3, up to \$10,000 and flat fee of \$10 for anything over

\$10,000

## **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).

### **Streetlights**

Streetlight out? Businesses and residents can <u>report streetlight outages online</u>. 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.

### At Home

### 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.

#### **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.

We cannot take roots, stumps dirt, lumber, railroad ties or any 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).

Residents may need to rake up small branches after the large brush piles are removed.

### 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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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.

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If you have comments or requests for specific news items, please e-mail Liz Cezat, Communications Manager, at <a href="mailto:lezat@ci.northville.mi.us">lezat@ci.northville.mi.us</a>.

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