









**August 16, 2018** 

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### **Meetings**

City Council - Monday, August 20, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

**Downtown Development Authority** -Tuesday, August 21, 8 a.m. - Meeting Room - City Hall

**Planning Commission** - Tuesday, August 21, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Agendas and minutes are available by clicking here

This Just In...

Questions and Answers about the 2018 Street Bond



When Northville voters cast their ballot in the Nov. 6 election, they'll be asked to decide on a 0.98 millage for the issuance of a \$3,050,000 Street Improvement Bond to fund street repairs and upgrades for the next 10 years.

The City has developed a set of questions and answers (Q&As) concerning the millage. Here is one of the questions:

### Why doesn't the new increase in the statewide gas tax cover our City's road repairs?

The state tax on unleaded gasoline increased from 19 cents to 26.3 cents per gallon on Jan. 1, 2017. It will eventually add \$1.2 billion a year to fix the state's crumbling streets and bridges. Transportation officials warn the higher taxes won't translate into better streets for years to come and also because the program is not fully funded. Michigan won't be spending the full additional \$1.2 billion annually on streets and bridges until 2021 if the money is available. (reference: Detroit News)

To see what your cost would be if the millage passes, find your taxable value for

<u>Oakland properties</u>, for <u>Wayne County properties</u>. Multiply your taxable value by .00098 to determine your new annual rate during that 10-year period. That cost will be adjusted lower when new properties are added to the tax rolls.

To see more of the Q&A, visit the website.

# Watch water useage on lawns and gardens during hot summer days & nights



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).

It's only during late night and early morning - between midnight and 5 a.m. - that property owners with automatic sprinkler systems should be watering their lawns and gardens. To take it one step futher, you can only do so on odd/even days based on your 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.

#### The Census Bureau is Hiring

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring full-time and part-time temporary field representatives. Workers in this role will perform a variety of



functions, such as updating address lists and maps; conducting interviews with residents in assigned areas; explaining the purpose of the census interview; and answering residents' questions. Hours of work for field positions will vary - some require employees to work during the day to see addresses on buildings, while others require interviewing the public, usually in the evening and on weekends.

For more information, go to: Field Jobs by State

#### Seasonal Groundskeeper

The DDA is accepting applications for one to two seasonal maintenance personnel from now until mid-November. The position is 20 - 40 hours per week, pays \$11 per hour with no benefits. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, be able to perform basic maintenance duties and work independently. A physical is required for the position and will be paid for by the DDA. Check the DDA website for <a href="mailto:the full job description">the full job description</a> and how to apply, or email Lori Ward, DDA Director, at <a href="mailto:lward@ci.northville.mi.us">lward@ci.northville.mi.us</a>.

# 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

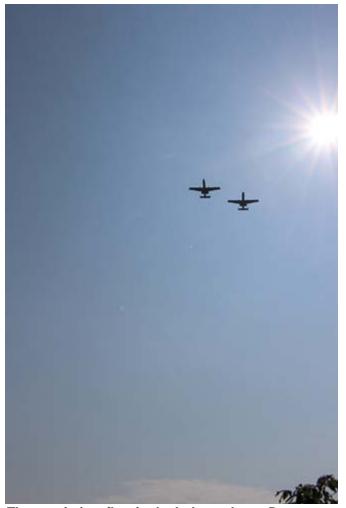
City Council is accepting applications for qualified volunteers to fill the vacant position on the Historic District Commission (HDC). Applicants must be a resident of the City and a registered voter.

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.

Scheduled Flyover during football game



These twin jets flew in the Independence Day

Northville Public **Bende**ls has coordinated a military flyover of two A-10 Thunderbolt II (AKA Warthog) jets at 7:04 p.m, Aug. 24, prior to the start of the varsity football game at Tom Holzer Field. If you are attending the game, it will be an added attraction. If you live near the field or are driving by at that time, don't be alarmed by the low-flying jets.

### **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

22 Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Community Financial Credit Union



JULY Randy Brock - Blues

JULY Social Bandits - Rock/Funk/Blues

JULY Gia Warner - Rock Classic

Town Square 20 Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln, St. Mary Mercy

JULY Groove Therapy - Classic Rock

Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Community Financial Credit Union, LoveWell Home Care, Varsity Lincoln, Monroe Bank & Trust

AUG Buy Michigan Now Festival

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AUG Shawn Riley - Celtic / Classic Rock

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AUG Paddle Bots - Soul/Pop

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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.





Through August 25
Northville Art House
215 W. Cady Street
HOUSE OF WAX: Juried Encaustic

#### Competition

The <u>Northville Art House</u> 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.

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.

**Juror Candace Law** is a full-time artist in the Detroit area. "Art for me is a means of communicating about our environment, our lives, sharing our experiences and reflecting how they inform each other."

September 8, 2018 Spectrum Fest Downtown Northville Noon - 10 p.m.

The Living and Learning Enrichment Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, will be hosting our first annual fundraising event, Spectrum Fest 2018 - a day of family fun, music and food on Main Street in downtown Northville. The day will be filled with music performed by local bands and headlined by FiftyAmpFuse to close out the night.

Admission to the event is free. There will be an assortment of food, beverages, and spirits available to purchase along with a variety of vendors and activities for all ages. There will be a bounce



house, chair massages, henna tattoos, essential oils, and so much more! All proceeds of this event will benefit the establishment of a new market located at 150 Mary Alexander Court in downtown Northville.

This new market will provide an eclectic shopping experience that will also give individuals with autism and related challenges the opportunity to learn essential job skills and obtain gainful employment.

Food vendors: Edwards Cafe and Caterer, Sweet Brew 'N Spice Cafe, Guernsey Farms Dairy, Edo Ramen, D'vine Cookies, Papa John's Pizza

Drinks and Spirits: North Center Brewing Company & Northville Winery and Brewing Company

Music Stage Schedule:

12 p.m. - School of Rock Farmington

1 p.m. - Standing Room Only

3 p.m. - J2C

5 p.m. - Mombo and the Detroit Connection

7 p.m. - Fiftyampfuse

#### **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. 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.

#### **Accountability & Transparency**

To meet the requirements for Accountability & Transparency under City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing/County Incentive Program (CVTRS/CIP), the City of Northville must certify to the Michigan Department of Treasury that they have produced and made readily available to the public:

- A Citizen's Guide of its most recent local finances, including recognition of its unfunded liabilities
- 2. A Performance Dashboard
- 3. A Debt Service Report containing a detailed listing of its debt service requirements, including, at a minimum, the issuance date, issuance amount, type of debt instrument, a listing of all revenues pledged to finance debt service by debt instrument, and a listing of the annual payment amounts until maturity
- 4. A Projected Budget Report of revenues and expenditures including, at a minimum, the current fiscal year and a projection for the immediately following year and an explanation of the assumptions used for the projections

The above documents may be found by visiting the City's website.

#### **Around Town**

#### **Express your views about Maybury State Park**



photo provided by Maybury State Park.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking public input on a new general management plan to guide the future of Maybury State Park.

The general management plan for Maybury State Park will be used to define a long-range planning and management strategy that protects the resources of the park while addressing recreation and education needs and opportunities. Public input is a critical component of the planning process.

The public is invited to share their opinions and ideas for the park through an <u>online</u> survey, available through Friday, Aug. 31.

For more information about the survey or the proposed plan, contact DNR park

management plan administrator Debbie Jensen at 517-284-6105 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired) or <a href="mailto:JensenD1@michigan.gov">JensenD1@michigan.gov</a>.

#### **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: www.mhpn.org (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.

#### Sewage backups

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system and want to file a claim with the City, <u>please check our website for details</u> 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.
- 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.

#### Get social with City Hall online

Follow our Facebook page (Northville City Hall, Michigan) and our Twitter account @NorthvilleCity.





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:leczat@ci.northville.mi.us">leczat@ci.northville.mi.us</a>.

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