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This Just In...

City Council recap Aug. 20, 2018

Zoning ordinance amendments were approved following the second reading (articles 18, 25, 26), which simplifies temporary uses. As such, food trucks will be allowed to operate in any zoning district on private property, as long as the vendor and property owner have registered that intent with the City. New temporary uses that will be overseen by the Building Dept. official but do not require a permit include the temporary installation of dumpsters and port-a-potties.

Permits will now be required for:

1. seasonal sales of perishable items by non-profit entities on private property
2. temporary outdoor special events held on private property where the general public is invited
3. The temporary construction of a building or office
4. A temporary emergency residence.

A change to article 21 prohibits the use of electronic changeable copy signs, grandfathering in those that already exist.

Petition to vacate a portion of Horton Street - Several residents of the Oakwood subdivision signed a petition to ask the City of Northville to vacate the southern portion of Horton Street, between Hill and Maplewood, keeping it open for public access and utility work as needed. The request is intended to prevent additional homes from being built in that area, which is wooded and provides access to nearby Maplewood Park. City Council approved the petition and a public hearing will be set.

Allen Terrace roofing project - A change order request of \$8,453.50 for the roof repair and replacement project underway at Allen Terrace was approved by City Council, enabling Garland/DBS, Inc. to refasten plywood that was not fastened to the joists, per code, at the time that the senior apartment residence was built. During the replacement of gutters and roof hatches, it was discovered that the plywood was buckling and separating from the structure. An additional \$28,417.50 was approved for contingencies, which remains within the budgeted amount for the project. (The original bid came in under budget.)

Appointments - Stephen Calkins was appointed by City Council to serve as an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, to fill a vacancy, with a term that expires July 1, 2021. Calkins, a law professor at Wayne State University, is a 30-year resident of the City and previously served on the BZA as an alternate member from 1987 to 1995.

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) about the bond issue that appears on the [City's website](#). Here is one of the questions:

How will the bond money be allocated?

The bond funds would be combined with the City's existing street millage and

\$1,050,000 from reserve funds to finance an infusion of \$6.25 million into street repairs and replacement over the next four years. After spending the bond funds, the City would continue to use its existing street millage (currently 1.68 mills), which generates about \$550,000 annually, to repair and maintain the improved street system. *(Refer to financial chart on website showing infusion.)*

Former Northville mayor lands legal position at MML

Long-time municipal attorney and former Northville Mayor Chris Johnson was named general counsel for the Michigan Municipal League.



According to the [Northville Record](#), Johnson will provide legal advice to the league's executive director and board of trustees, and oversee legal programs and staff. He succeeds William Mathewson, who retired this summer.

Johnson served as the mayor of Northville from 1987 to 2015. He was named Citizen of the Year in 2015 by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Maybury hits high notes for summer fun



Photo submitted by Maybury State Park

A short drive (or bike ride) from Northville leads you to a 944-acre natural habitat that provides a scenic place to chill, revel in the woods, or rev up your exercise routine by biking or hiking on sun-dappled, tree-lined paths.

Maybury State Park offers visitors plenty to do in the summer and invites everyone to its last concert of the season when The Mayburys play at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 27. Throughout the summer, compact bands (2 to 3 pieces) with distinctive rhythm have amplified the beauty of the park. Spectators partake of a cultural feast - listening to music in a meadow framed by towering trees, carpeted by wild flowers in season and accented by exotic plants and native grasses.

The band doesn't have an official stage; it sets up near the renovated trailhead just south of the Eight Mile Road parking lot. Visitors already in the park often stay for the concert, while others head in specifically for this event. Some nights, there are 40 spectators, other nights there are around 100, said Park Supervisor Traci Sincok.

Maybury provided the location for kids summer camps run by Northville Parks & Recreation, which drew 166 campers; by the Girls Scouts, which had about 200 campers; and by the Boy Scouts, which drew some 85 campers. The weekend of Aug. 18 marked the third year for the popular "Family Campout program", also run by the Parks & Recreation Dept., where 25 families pitched tents and had access to the day camp building for indoor plumbing and shelter from the rain. Aside from this once-a-year event, there is no public camping at the park.

As Maybury continues to provide a beautiful rural park within an urban setting, the

management wants to know what else the public wants from this natural beauty. As part of a Management Plan process, people are invited to [complete a survey](#) through Aug. 31 to provide input on access, activities and new additions to the park. Sincok has also received feedback from visitors who attended the "Coffee with the Supervisor" sessions held from spring through summer.

"The coffees have been great for community outreach," Sincok said. "We've received feedback about how we can make Maybury even better."

Friends of Maybury supports the park in many ways - by funding projects, initiating new plans and being a hands-on group. Sincok would like to see more people join this group and notes that there will be a volunteer clean-up this fall. See the [Friends website](#) for more details.

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 [the full job description](#) and how to apply, or email Lori Ward, DDA Director, at lward@ci.northville.mi.us.

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 [City of Northville's website](#) 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.

Northville Arts Commission seeks commissioners



The Northville Arts Commission (NAC) is currently seeking volunteer commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House, a community art center located in downtown Northville at [215 W Cady Street](#). The commission advises and advocates on arts activities and events directed by the Northville Art House staff. Commission meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

The Northville Art House is a facility of the City of Northville. For questions or inquiries about the volunteer position, please leave a message at 248-344-0497 or send an email to info@northvillearts.org.

Scheduled flyover during football game on Aug. 24



These twin jets flew in the Independence Day parade.

Northville Public Schools 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

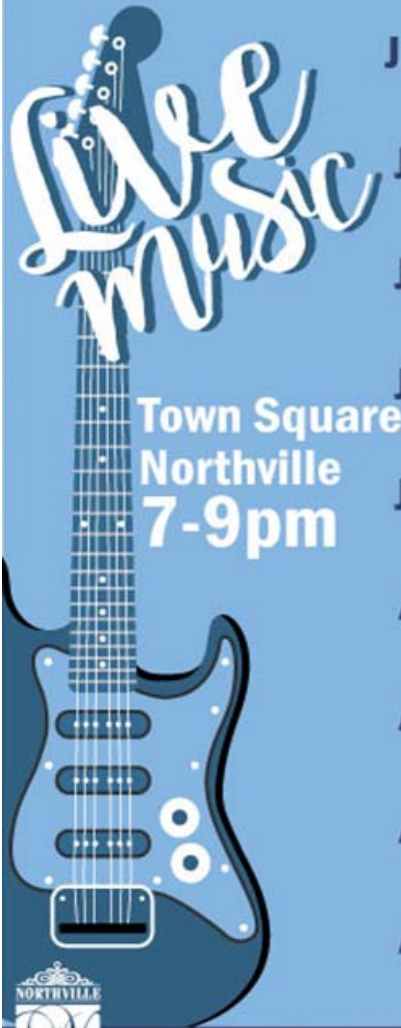


Photo by Liz Cezat

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.

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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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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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Through August 25
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.

Participating artists: Suzanne Allen, Winnie Chrzanowski, Kellen Deau, Gwen Downs, Kim Enschede, 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."

Sept. 8 Spectrum Fest Downtown Northville Noon - 10 p.m.

The [Living and Learning Enrichment Center](#), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, will be hosting its 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.



All proceeds of this event will benefit the establishment of a new market at 150 Mary Alexander Court in downtown Northville. This new market will provide an eclectic shopping experience while giving individuals with autism the opportunity to learn essential job skills and obtain gainful employment.

Food vendors are Edwards Cafe and Caterer, Sweet Brew 'N Spice Cafe, Guernsey Farms Dairy, Edo Ramen, D'vine Cookies and Papa John's Pizza. Drinks and spirits will be offered by North Center Brewing Company, and 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

Friday, Sept. 14, 5 - 11 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce Presents

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Friday
September 14
6:30pm

September 14 - 16

Friday, 5:00-11:00pm

Saturday, 11:00am-11:00pm

Sunday, 11:00am-4:00pm

Downtown Northville

Northville
Heritage Festival

Celebrate
the 1980s

This Year's Festival We
Celebrate Our 80s Heritage!
The Festival will begin with our
Victorian Heritage, the Victorian
Parade and then we dust off the
shoulder pads, tease up the hair
and have a look back at the
80s in Northville!

Northville Chamber of Commerce:  www.northville.org
248-349-7640  www.northvilleheritagefest.com



The [Heritage Festival](#) will kick off the festivities on Friday with the traditional Victorian Parade. Included in the Festival activities will be community nonprofit booths, live entertainment, a Kids Zone, crafters, the Heritage Festival Saloon on Friday Night, and free horse and carriage rides from noon - 3 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday.

Celebrating the '80s

We'll celebrate the decade with an '80s Tribute Band, a Big Hair contest, and a pictorial of what Northville was up to in the '80s. On the national/world stage, it was the era of Ronald Reagan (Morning in America), fall of the Berlin Wall, Chernobyl, 1980 Winter Olympics (Miracle on Ice) and the 1984 Detroit Tigers' World Series win. Closer to home, the City of Northville's downtown makeover (Main Street '78) was underway, transforming an aging infrastructure and a tired streetscape into a vital catalyst for increased commerce and historic preservation. The Chamber sponsored the first Victorian Festival in 1989.

The complete schedule of Heritage Festival activities is available on the [Heritage Festival website](#).

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 3:30pm.

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 online](#) or call 248-449-9901 with questions.

What to do if a water main breaks

Each year the City has between 10 and 20 water main breaks, and most of these happen when the temperatures are below freezing. 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.

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: www.mhpn.org (see the publications page).

At Home

Free home fire safety review

The Northville City Fire Department, which serves the Cities of Northville and Plymouth, is pleased to offer home fire safety reviews. Simply contact the Department at 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. This is a free service.

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

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, [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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