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City offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. Trash pick-up will be delayed by one day the week of Sept. 3

Meetings

Planning Commission - Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

(Note date) City Council - Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Board of Zoning Appeals - Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. - Meeting Room - City Hall

[Agendas and minutes are available by clicking here](#)

This Just In...

Public meeting scheduled for Sept. 4 for comments on proposed zoning changes

The Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 215 West Main Street, (lower level meeting room) to receive public input on proposed changes to the zoning ordinance that align with the vision of the City's master plan.

The City has prepared a draft overlay zoning ordinance amendment for a portion of Seven Mile and South Main Street, called the Seven Mile - South Main Street Overlay (SM-O). The proposed modification will allow general commercial uses and mixed use developments (commercial and residential) in this part of the City. New regulations for building height, setbacks, landscaping and parking are also proposed.

The City is also proposing to amend the zoning map by re-zoning two properties along S. Main Street, 580 and 598 S. Main St., from PR-1, Performance Regulated Industrial District No. 1 to GCD, General Commercial District. The rezoning is intended to guide any future redevelopment of these properties to a commercial use rather than an industrial use.

A draft of the proposed text amendment and map amendment are available at the Building Dept. during regular business hours (Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the office closed on Labor Day), and on the [City's website](#). Written comments will also be accepted.

Northville Downs project not on this meeting agenda - Please note that the Planning Commission will not discuss the Planned Unit Development application for the Northville Downs project at this meeting, as had been announced earlier. Watch City News and the City website for information regarding meetings on this proposal.
For more information, call 248-449-9902.

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:

How will Northville determine which streets will be repaired?

Our engineers will objectively select the streets to be repaired, based on the condition at the time, using the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system, and Roadsoft software. The overall condition of the roadway network (OCI) and practicalities - such as traffic volumes, scheduling close repairs together, and not obstructing alternative routes - will factor into the plan.

To see what your cost would be if the millage passes, find your taxable value for [Oakland properties](#), for [Wayne County properties](#). 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](#).

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.

Website maintenance scheduled

The City's website will be down intermittently on Saturday night, Sept. 1, and Sunday morning, Sept. 2, due to site maintenance. If you plan to use the website this weekend, please do so before or after the interruption in service.

Express your views about Maybury State Park in a new survey

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 [online 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 JensenD1@michigan.gov.

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.

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



Northville Historical Society 2018 Victorian Clothing Sale

Sunday, September 9th from 1 PM to 6 PM
Monday, September 10th from 1 PM to 7 PM
Tuesday, September 11 from 1 PM to 7 PM

featuring
"Vintage in the Village"

Sunday Only
Antiques, Linens & Lace, and Other Needful Things

At Mill Race Historical Village - 215 Griswold Street (1 block north of Main Street)



Victorian era clothing and accessories for adults and children will be available for purchase from various vendors.

New, vintage and gently used clothing available.

\$2 admission charge per adult

- cash preferred -

Some vendors may not accept checks or credit cards.



For more information call
Northville Historical Society
(248) 348-1845
(Mon thru Wed 9 am-1pm)
Visit our website at
www.millracenorthville.org

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



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 [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](#).

Saturday, Sept. 22

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

City Yards - 650 Doheny

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(Seven Mile West to Northville Road. Turn right on Northville Road to Doheny Dr.)

This event is open to residents of the Northville Township, City of Northville, and Livonia residents only.

This event is for the disposal of residential hazardous waste only. The wastes that will be accepted at this event are listed below:

- Aerosol cans, any household chemicals
- Antifreeze/Transmission Fluid Batteries: Automobile/Household/Marine
- Caustic/Acids
- Computer Equipment/Modem/Printers
- Compact Spiral/Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Electronics; keyboards, mouse, cell phones
- Expired Medicine*
- Fax machines, VCR's and televisions
- Fuel oil/Gasoline/Gasoline and Oil Mixes

- Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides/Pesticides
- Kerosene
- Medical Waste (sharp items in containers only)
- Mercury items and mercury-contaminated debris
- Oil based Paints/Stains**
- Primers/Turpentine/Varnishes
- Propane Tanks 1# and 20#

* Expired Medicine can be taken to the Northville Township Police Department at any time.

** Latex (water-based) paint may be disposed of on your trash collection day if prepared correctly.

Proper disposal of paint requires the lids to be removed (put in trash receptacle) and allow the paint to dry out prior to disposal. (Placing clean kitty litter in the paint speeds up the drying process.) Put open cans of treated paint beside your trash, not in your trash. [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: www.ci.northville.mi.us 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

Streetlights

Streetlight out? Businesses and residents can [report streetlight outages online](#). 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.

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).

At Home

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.

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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If you have comments or requests for specific news items, please e-mail Liz Cezat,

Communications Manager, at Icezat@ci.northville.mi.us.

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