

NORTHVILLE MATTERS

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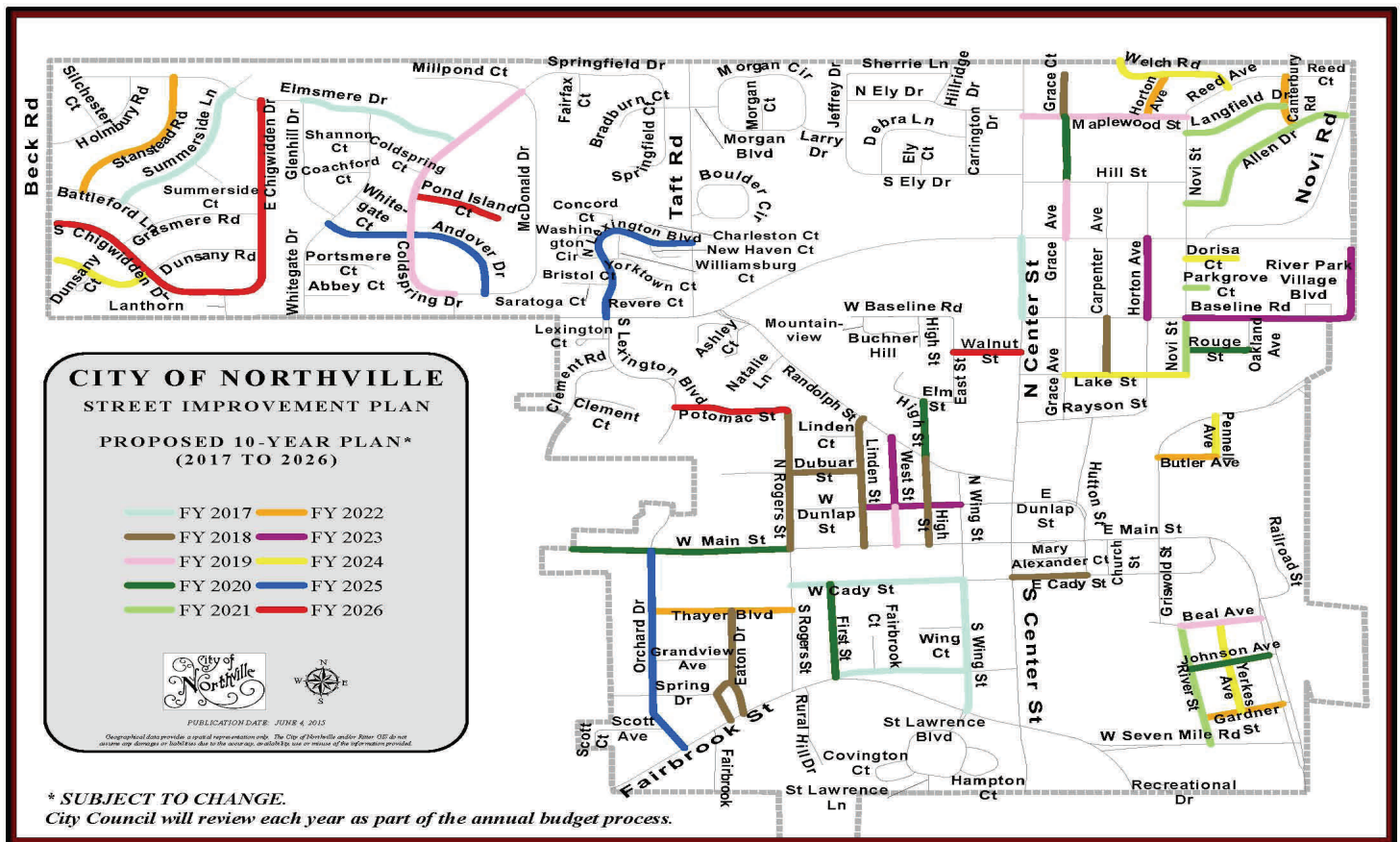
August 4th Millage Vote Seeks Increased Road Repair Funding

The Northville City Council has authorized an August 4th millage proposal which would provide an additional \$750,000 annually for road and street improvements. The 2.25 mill increase would cost the average Northville homeowner an additional \$280 per year (based on a 2015 cash value of \$250,000, or, a taxable value of \$125,000). The funds from this new millage, combined with the existing 1.7 mill road and street levy, would increase the annual budget for street resurfacing and reconstruction from \$350,000 to over \$1.1 million.

The “Headlee Amendment” has rolled back the City’s 20 mill tax limit to 15.8 mills. Therefore, the City must ask for a “Headlee Override” in order to levy the proposed 2.25 mill increase. The Headlee Override questions cannot change the original purpose of the millage. In order to restrict the usage of these new funds to roads and streets, the City Council resolution authorizing this millage states that these funds “will be used exclusively to provide funds for road and street improvements.” In addition, Council will be adopting an ordinance, prior to the election, which restricts usage of these funds to roads and streets.

MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the City of Northville, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan be increased by 2.25 mills (\$.25 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of fifteen (15) years, 2016 through 2030, as new additional millage in excess of the limitation imposed by Michigan Compiled Laws section 211.34d, to partially restore City Charter millage authorization previously approved by the electors as reduced by operation of the Headlee Amendment, to provide funds for general operating purposes? It is estimated that 2.25 mills would raise approximately \$753,000 when first levied in 2016.



CLERK'S OFFICE**August 4, 2015 Special Election** - Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.**Precinct 1 (Wayne County voters): Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.****Precinct 2 (Oakland County voters): Amerman School, 847 N. Center St.**

Photo ID requirement in effect on Election Day: This requirement may be satisfied by providing your current Michigan driver's license or state identification card. Voters who do not possess picture identification can vote by signing an affidavit at the polls on Election Day.

Last Day to Register to Vote: July 6, 2015

Persons registering to vote in person must show acceptable photo id or sign an affidavit.

If you choose to register to vote by mail, you may be required to vote in person for your first election. If you are a college student and you will be going away to college, consider registering to vote in person at City Hall or at any Secretary of State Branch Office.

Am I registered to vote? Where do I vote?

Visit our website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to: Services/City Clerk/Elections) for a link to the Michigan Voter Information Center. Here you can verify that you are registered to vote and find your polling location.

What's on the ballot?

Sample ballots are available at City Hall or at: www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to: Services/City Clerk/Elections/Ballots)

Absent Voter Ballot Information:

AV ballots mailings begin around June 29th. Once preliminary testing is complete, ballots are mailed within 24 hours after receiving your application. The office will begin issuing AV ballots over the counter beginning the week of July 20th.

Photo ID requirement in effect for in-person Absent Ballot Voters: Voters requesting to receive their ballot in person must show acceptable photo id (i.e. current driver license). Absent Ballot voters that do not possess acceptable photo id and want to receive their ballot in person are required to complete an affidavit. Your AV ballot will be processed as a "challenged ballot."

Absent Voter Applications are available on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to: Services/City Clerk/Elections/Absentee Ballots).

**Garage Sales**

City Ordinance requires a permit for the placement of signs advertising a garage sale. Signs may only be placed on private property with the consent of the property owner and cannot be placed on any property located more than 500 feet from the place of the sale. The sign is obtained from the City Clerk's office and there is no charge for the permit. No garage sale sign permit shall run for more than 3 days.

STORM WATER

Lawn Care

The major impact of nutrient over-enrichment is excessive growth of algae that leads to nuisance algal blooms and eutrophic conditions. Nitrogen and phosphorus are principal nutrients in stormwater. Major sources are urban landscape runoff (fertilizer, detergents), atmospheric deposition and improperly functioning septic systems. Animal waste can also be a significant source of pollution. In many areas, soils contain enough phosphorus to grow healthy lawns without any added fertilizer. **Use fertilizer sparingly and sweep excess fertilizer off pavement onto the lawn**

Pet Waste

Dog waste has been found to be a major source of fecal coliform and pathogens in many urban watersheds, due to their population, daily defecation rate, and bacteria/pathogen production. Pets and urban wildlife can be significant sources of bacteria. Fecal coliform levels in urban stormwater often exceed public health code standards defining safe water for swimming. **Pick up after your pet.**

Just four quarts of oil can form an eight acre oil slick if spilled or dumped down a storm drain. Car washing contributes nutrients, metals, and hydrocarbons to our waterways. This occurs as the detergent-rich water used to wash our cars flows down the street and into storm drains. **Please wash your car on your lawn, Fix leaking vehicles promptly.**

Here are some ways residents can care for their lawns and gardens and help keep our water clean:

Go native. Select plants native to Michigan. Native plants are better able to tolerate Michigan's climate, require less fertilizer and water, and are more disease resistant. Black-eyed Susan, Coral bells, Purple coneflower, and Columbine; blueberry and raspberry bushes; Christmas, Lady, and Maidenhair ferns; Black walnut, Hickory, Douglas fir, and White pine trees.

Water wisely. Lawns need about one inch of water per week. Water only when necessary, instead of on a fixed schedule.

Use mulch. Place a thick layer of mulch (e.g., four inches) around trees and plants. This helps retain water, reduce weeds, and minimizes the need for pesticides.

Mow high. For a healthier lawn, mow high...three inches is the rule and let grass clippings fall back on the lawn for free fertilizer.

Important Notice - Outdoor Watering Restrictions in Effect Residents with underground irrigation systems (Automatic Sprinkling Systems) may only water their grass between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 5:00 a.m. on odd or even days based on the address of your house. If your address ends in an even number set your irrigation system to only water during the hours listed above on even numbered days. If your address ends with an odd number, set your irrigation system to only water during the hours listed above on odd numbered days. For residents who do not have an automatic sprinkling system, but water manually with a hose, you may only water between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight on odd or even days based on the address of your house.

Residents who ignore these restrictions will be committing a Civil Infraction and issued a ticket. Tickets are \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for repeated offenses. If you have any questions please contact Public Works at 248-449-9930.

Trash / Recycling Reminders

Put trash out by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Place containers on the lawn and not in the street.

Trash cans are to be no larger than 32 gallon size and weigh less than 50 pounds to be picked up.

Magazines, catalogues, and glossy inserts can be tied in a bundle or placed in paper shopping bag.

Baby Wipes, Toilets or Trash Cans?

Baby wipes have been on the market since the late 1970's, but people didn't start flushing these and other wipes down the toilet until "Flushables" hit the grocery shelves a few years ago. Field studies reveal that at least 40% of materials trapped in our sewer systems are nonwoven wipes like baby wipes. This material leads to serious sewer backups. Though the paper industry refers to these wipes as flushable, they are not, and they do not decompose in our sewer lines, clog our sewers, and increase maintenance on our sewer system.

Clearly we need to change our thinking about what can and cannot be flushed down the toilet. Please put only toilet paper in your toilet. A nonwoven wipe is just one of several items that should not go into the City's sanitary sewer system. Please add wipes to grease and prescription drugs that should not go down the drain or toilet into the City's sanitary sewer system.

Hazardous Waste Collection Event

August 15th 8:00am to 2:00pm FREE

Westland Shopping Center located on Warren Road and Nankin Blvd. In Westland.

Open to all residents in Wayne County, and Northville City residents that reside in Oakland County.

Please contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734-326-5708 with any questions.

September 12, 2015 8:00am - 2:00pm DPW Yards—650 Doheny FREE

Free Hazardous Waste Collection Event for residents of the City of Northville, Northville Township and the City of Livonia. For a list of acceptable items visit:

<http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PublicWorks/HazardousWaste.asp>

City Directory

Allen Terrace	248-349-8030
Assessing Department	248-449-9901
Building Department	248-449-9902
City Manager	248-449-9905
City Clerk	248-349-1300
DDA	248-349-0345
Finance Department	248-449-9907
Fire Department	248-449-9920
Parks and Recreation	248-349-0203
Police Dispatch (non-emergency)	248-349-1234
Police	248-349-5100
Public Works	248-449-9930
Senior Community Center	248-349-4140
Tax Department	248-449-9901
Youth Assistance	248-344-1618

Frequently Used Numbers

Art House	248-344-0497
Chamber of Commerce	248-349-7640
Civic Concern	248-344-1033
Historical Society	248-348-1845
Library	248-349-3020
Mill Race Village	248-348-1845
Post Office	248-349-2062
Waste Management	800-796-9696



Arts & Acts Festival
3-5pm Toppermost
Saturday, June 20th

2015 Summer Schedule:

May 29	Northville High School Jazz Band Sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital
June 5	Robin Horlock Sponsored by Varsity Lincoln, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, U of M Northville Health Center
June 12	Rusty Wright Sponsored by St. John Providence Health
June 19	The Blueflowers with Special Guest The Whiskey Charmers During the Arts & Acts Festival
June 26	Mainstreet Soul Sponsored by St. John Providence Health
July 3	North Country Flyers Sponsored by Varsity Lincoln
July 10	Sinjon Smith Sponsored by St. John Providence Health
July 17	Howling Diablos Sponsored by St. John Providence Health, Empower Yoga
July 24	Randy Brock Sponsored by Varsity Lincoln, St. Mary Mercy Hospital
July 31	Twistin' Tarantulas During the Buy Michigan Now Festival
Aug 7	Steve King and the Dittlies Sponsored by St. John Providence Health, Monroe Bank & Trust
Aug 14	Karin Elizabeth & the Remedy Band Sponsored by St. John Providence Health, Monroe Bank & Trust, Remax Dream Properties
Aug 28	Shawn Riley Band Sponsored by Varsity Lincoln, St. John Providence Health, Monroe Bank & Trust

NEW!

New this year vendors on-site:

- Mystic Kettle
- Kona Ice
- The Brown Dog Creamery
- Masonic Lodge
- The Village Workshop
- Advanced Concessions
- Starring Gallery



Ford Field Festival
August 21st, 7pm
Dan Rafferty Band at
Ford Field, Northville

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