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Meetings

Board of Review - March 12, 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Youth Assistance - Tuesday, March 13, 8 a.m. - Community Center

Housing Commission - Wednesday, March 14, 6 p.m. - Allen Terrace

Arts Commission - Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m. - Art House

Board of Review - Wednesday, March 14, 9 a.m. -12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Senior Advisory Commission - Thursday, March 15, 1 p.m. - Community Center

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

This Just In...

City Council Recap

March 5, 2018

Dogs on leash at condo commons - It was the first reading of ordinance 10.2, regarding dogs running at large. A change to this ordinance will prohibit dogs from being off leash at condominium common areas since the property is shared among many residents. The second reading, and pending approval, will come at the March 19 meeting.

Parks and Recreation vehicle leases - Nine trucks and SUVs used by Parks and Recreation will now be insured, and have license plates and titles covered, by the Township of Northville rather than the City. This change was made because the department's administrative management was moved to the township as of Jan. 1, 2018.

Goals and Objectives finalized - City Council approved the Northville City Goals, Objectives, and Project Priorities for FY 2018-19. Among the goals are the following:

- Ask community groups to present at City Council meetings
- Re-evaluate density/parking for new developments
- Sell the City-owned property on Wing Street, south of the Post Office
- Consider improvements to Ford Field, including adding bathrooms and rehabilitating the play structure
- Train members of boards and commissions about FOIA, conflicts of interest and other administrative issues
- Conduct a consultant-led survey to improve energy efficiency in the buildings and outdoor areas owned or managed by the City.

(A copy of the goals, objectives and project priorities is located on the City's website (see: [agenda](#))

Parking for electric vehicle use only - The fees, penalties, and fines schedule was revised to establish a fee for "No Parking Except for Electric Vehicle Charging" at the two EV charging stations (soon to be operational) in City lot # 2 (Old Church Square parking lot).

[Click here to see the video of the meeting](#)

Did you receive your Property Tax Assessment notice?

Annual notices of real and personal property assessments have been mailed to property owners/taxpayers. The assessment notice states the "assessed value" and the tentative "state equalized value" (SEV) for both this year and the prior year. Those values should not exceed 50% of market value. Carefully review the notice.

The assessment notice also states the "taxable value" (TV) for the prior and present year and whether the property was transferred as to uncap the TV. Taxable value is the lesser of SEV and the previous year's taxable value adjusted for inflation, with adjustments for additions and losses. The taxable value is uncapped and reset at SEV when a property transfers in the prior calendar year. The Inflation Rate Multiplier for 2018 for the State of Michigan is set at 2.1%.

Annually, the City assessor reviews records, including recent property sales (Jan. 1, 2015 - Dec. 31, 2017), detailed reports on lands and buildings, and builder permits, along with personal visits when needed, to determine the size, components and condition of such properties.

If you have questions about the assessed value of your home, land or business property, you can contact the City assessor, Tom Monchak, by phone: 248-305-2704, fax: 248-305-2892 or [email](#). He typically works at the City of Northville on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The City of Northville has a local Board of Review that reviews the assessment roll and hears appeals. If you plan to challenge the assessment, you will need to either schedule an appointment to meet with the board or send a letter by 4 p.m. on March 14 (see address in assessment notice). Written appeals from resident taxpayers will be given equal weight and status with personal appearances, based on a resolution approved in November 2017 by City Council.

The Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on March 6 at 5 p.m. in City Council chambers at City Hall to receive and review the assessment roll, identify the Chair and set general parameters for its meeting operations. The public is invited. No appeals will be heard at this meeting.

The Board of Review public hearings and deliberations will be: March 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., and March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

If you plan on appearing before the board, come prepared for your meeting. Provide evidence showing why you believe your property isn't assessed at its true value. You may also need to provide proof that you own a particular building or parcel if you are not listed as the owner on the assessment roll. The Board of Review must consider each case individually.

"For typical appeals, it's the owner's opinion backed up by research and data. For residential owners, it's typically based on similar sales in a neighborhood" said Monchak.

Save time - pay your parking ticket online



If you need to pay a parking ticket, online payments are now being accepted. The traditional methods of paying - in person at the Cashier's Office at City Hall, or by mail - are still available. Paying online includes a convenience fee by the third-party provider, but often saves time over mailing the payment or paying in person.

Pay your parking ticket online

- Have your ticket handy to access the number and amount due (on front of ticket)
- A convenience fee will be added
- You can review the full amount, including fee, and confirm it before you submit your payment
- [Click here to begin.](#)

Honor a member of the Armed Forces or a veteran through the Military and Veteran Banner program

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is offering the Military and Veteran Banner program, which



recognizes and honors the brave individuals who are serving or who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Banners will display a photo of the service person, as well as his or her name, dates of service, and branch of the Armed Forces.

The banner will be hung in downtown Northville during the months of May and November to celebrate Memorial Day and Veterans Day, respectively.

To qualify for the Military and Veteran Banner program, the honoree must be an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces or have been honorably discharged. The deadline for the 2018 program is April 18. For more information, visit www.northville.org, call 248-348-7640 or [download the brochure here](#).

AARP Income tax preparation assistance



AARP tax-aide provides free tax assistance to taxpayers with low and middle income, with special attention to those who are 60 and older. Appointments are required and are conducted at the Northville Community Center on Thursdays, Feb. 1 through April 12. Please call 248-305-2851 to register.

Seniors invited to have lunch with friends

Get together with your friends or make new ones by signing up to go out to lunch at a local restaurant with other Northville seniors. This social group meets once a month at 11:30 a.m.

If interested, call 248-305-2851 to register for the lunch on Wednesday, March 21, at Center Street Grill. Each individual handles his/her own transportation and meal payment.

Volunteers needed for annual Rouge frog and toad survey



Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) needs volunteers to participate in the 2018 annual Rouge frog and toad survey. You will learn the calls of the [eight local frogs and toads](#) and visit wetlands at night to identify what types are calling.

Friends of the Rouge started the survey in 1998 to involve local residents in collecting data about the health of Rouge River wetlands. The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetland health as the animals disappear when wetlands are too polluted or destroyed. Diverse, healthy wetlands support diverse populations of amphibians.

The [survey results](#) have shown the greatest diversity of frogs and toads, and therefore the healthiest wetlands, in the less developed headwaters of the [Rouge River Watershed](#) and the lowest diversity in the urbanized portions.

Interested volunteers need to [pre-register](#) for ONE of three training sessions held on Saturdays in February and March. (All materials are provided at the workshop.) Volunteers are assigned to survey blocks within the Rouge River Watershed and required to visit them several times a month on damp warm nights, March through June.

Workshop dates ([register](#))

Sat. March 10, 2017 10 a.m. - noon

Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 31555 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI

Sat. March 17, 2017 10 a.m. - noon

Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI

Events / Things to Do



**Maybury Farm making maple syrup
tours
Saturdays and Sundays, through**

March 31

1 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

50165 8 Mile Rd.

Northville, MI

Looking for something fun to do with your family and friends? Ever wondered how delicious maple syrup gets made? Come to Maybury Farm and find out.

The tour begins with a wagon ride out to the Sugar Bush. Once you arrive, you will head into the woods where you will learn about the maple tree, how to tap it, and then collect the sap. You may even get a chance to taste the sap straight from the tree. Take a wagon ride back to the Sugar Shack where you will watch and learn how the sap is converted into delicious maple syrup, how syrup is graded, and also how to make maple syrup at home.

Once your tour is finished, you are invited to warm up in the Maybury Farm Welcome Center where hot drinks and snacks are available to enjoy next to the toasty wood stove. Pure Michigan Maple Syrup is available for purchase and we offer free recipes for you to try with your maple syrup at home.

Space is limited for this popular event, so arrive early to reserve your spot. To schedule a private Farm Tour for groups of 15 or more, call 248-374-0200.

The cost for the Making Maple Syrup Tours is \$7 per person and children 2 and under are free. Visit www.mayburyfarm.org to learn more. You can also contact Cindy Kern, Farm Director, at 248-916-3033 or Cindykern72@icloud.com

Saturday, March 10

Young Artist Juried Art Fair

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)

The Northville Art House presents its second annual Young Artist Juried Art Fair.

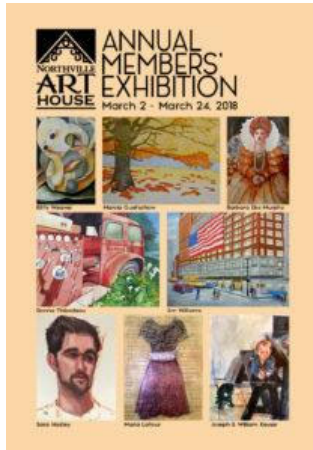
More than 30 young artists in grades 2 - 12 will showcase their diverse talents and sell original artwork during this one-day indoor fair. Featured work includes acrylic and watercolor paintings, illustrations, jewelry, mixed media, fiber art, sculpture and more.

Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase to support the First Presbyterian Youth Group's Mission trip to Puerto Rico this July.

Suggested donation of \$3 at the door. Kids under 12 are free.

All proceeds go to our outreach programs, art supplies and building repairs.

Contact the Northville Art House for more information at 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org



**Through March 24
12th Annual Members' Exhibition
Northville Art House
215 W. Cady**

This exhibition showcases the talents of 57 current member artists through original works of art created in a variety of media and styles.

In 2017, our members contributed more than 100 works to Art House exhibitions; participated in classes, workshops and camps; and instructed more than 750 artists of all ages and skill levels through in-house and outreach programs. We invite you to become a member

today.

The Annual Members' Exhibition is held in appreciation of members who have generously supported the growth and creativity of the organization and arts in the community over the past year. The [Northville Art House](http://www.northvillearthouse.org) welcomes the public to visit the gallery to celebrate the artistic achievements of its member artists.

Gallery hours: Tues. - Fri. 12-5 p.m., Sat. 12-4 p.m.



**Friday, March 23 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 24 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Handcrafters Spring Fling Craft Show
Northville Community Center, 303 West
Main Street**

Shake off cabin fever and experience a new season at the annual Spring Fling. Stock up on Easter gifts, garden art, seasonal décor, fashion and more.

Admission: \$3, 12 & under: free

SKYWARN 2018



Skywarn is an effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies by expanding networks of spotters and by encouraging the widest possible participation in tornado warning programs. There is no way to stop tornadoes, and not all tornadoes show up on radar, but they can be seen. Lives can be saved. Only one instrument can detect a tornado or funnel with complete certainty, the human eye.

Skywarn training sessions are held to train individuals on how to accurately observe such weather phenomena as floods, hail, wind and its associated damage, cloud features that lead to tornadoes, and those cloud features that do not lead to tornadoes. The class covers what information to report and how to report it. Basic severe weather safety is also covered. Classes are **FREE** and last 1.5 hours. While new technological and scientific tools have advanced the National Weather Service (NWS) capability to predict severe weather, the trained spotter remains essential to the NWS warning process. The more trained "eyes" we have in the field during a severe weather event, the better our service to you and the public will be. More concern, more spotters, more eyes are needed. Lend us yours - learn **SKYWARN!**

SPOTTER TRAINING CLASSES

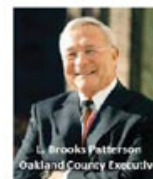
Wednesday, March 7 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Saturday, March 24 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Saturday, March 24 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Monday, March 26 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Southfield Public Library 26300 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, 48076
Thursday, April 12 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	City of Rochester Hills – City Hall 1000 Rochester Hills Dr, Rochester Hills, 48309
Wednesday, April 18 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	The Charter Township of Commerce Township 2009 Township Drive, Commerce Township, 48390
Thursday, May 10 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Ortonville Old Town Hall 476 Mill Street, Ortonville, 48462

All interested parties (i.e. fire, police, EMS, security, volunteers, and citizens) are encouraged to attend.

The **Oakland County Homeland Security Division** coordinates this program.
Limited space is available, so make your reservations now!



Go to: oakgov.com/homelandsecurity
and click on the Skywarn logo to register
or call (248) 858-5300



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The Northville Chamber of Commerce presents...



March 17, 2018
11am - 2pm
Northville High School

Admission: \$2.00
per person
Parking is free

Family friendly event!

Retail • Service • Community... all in one place

Largest showcase of Northville businesses and organizations all in one place!

We invite the Northville community to come out and take advantage of this opportunity to meet your local business owners and representatives and to see what products and services they provide to the Northville community.

With more than sixty (60) booth exhibitors including: retail and service, businesses, artisans, financial institutions, community and educational groups and restaurants. You are sure to see something that interests you!

Event Highlights:

- Exhibitors may sell merchandise, along with providing give-a-ways at their booths.
- Free samples of food from the area's restaurants
- Door prizes awarded at 1:15pm



LEGO
Building Contest

March 17, 2018

Go to the Chamber website to download the entry form or stop by the Chamber office to pick one up!

www.northville.org

Thank you to our sponsors:



For more information about the Northville Marketplace contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-0203 or visit our website www.northville.org.



Northville Historical Society 2018 Lecture Series
Great Lakes Lighthouse Preservation
March 28, 2018

All around the Michigan Great Lakes Shoreline, there are old lighthouses that have guided ships for centuries. People are working tirelessly to restore and maintain these lighthouses because of the history they represent. This lecture will discuss the history of these lighthouses, the work that has been done to restore them and the work still to be done to assure that this part of Michigan's history is maintained.

Historian, author, and photographer Wayne S. Sapulski has physically visited (not just flown over) every one of them. A graduate of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City, Michigan, Wayne once served as a deck officer licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard to pilot ships of unlimited tonnage upon the waters of the Great Lakes. Still licensed but no longer sailing, Wayne remains active in several maritime historical societies and lighthouse groups, especially the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (www.gllka.com). He is a regular contributor to their quarterly publication, *The Beacon*. Wayne's photographs and articles have appeared in many other regional publications as well. He is the author/photographer of **Lighthouses of Lake Michigan, Past and Present** (2001) and coauthor/photographer of the popular guidebook **Great Lakes Lighthouses, American and Canadian** (1998), of which over 37,000 have been sold to date.

The lecture will be at the New School Church at Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold St, Northville at 7:00pm. The lecture is free of charge although donations are accepted at the door to help defray costs.

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 [clicking here and completing the online form](#).

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. PLEASE 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](#).

If you have any questions, call the Tax & Assessing Office at 248-449-9901.

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 they have produced and made readily available to the public:

1. 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

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

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

Homeowners may experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system

or storm water system. If you intend 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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