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Charles Gevirtz (right) and fiancé Victoria Volyanyuk

City Council to honor police, lifeguard and others who saved man's life

A special recognition ceremony to honor the life-saving efforts of those who helped revive heart attack victim Charles Gevirtz will be held at the City Council meeting on Sept. 18.

Those honored will be: Northville Police Officers Ken DeLano and Matt Duggins; Lt. Matthew Samhat and Firefighter Aaron O'Donnell, both of the Northville Fire Dept.; Ryan Figueroa, who performed CPR; and Jeffrey Potter and Holly Leverton, of the Community EMS crew. The public is invited to attend and show their support.

Gevirtz, 55, was getting his hair cut at Scores Haircuts for Men at 111 East Dunlap in Northville on July 13 when he suddenly experienced cardiac arrest. Ryan Figueroa, 17, of Novi, came in for a haircut and saw the crisis. Being a lifeguard, he began to perform CPR on Gevirtz, who had been moved to the floor. A physician jogging by the barber shop came inside when he saw the commotion and told Figueroa he was doing CPR correctly.

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Celebrate Historic 150th Anniversary

History comes to life at this year's Heritage Festival as the City of Northville officially celebrates its 150th anniversary of becoming a village in 1867.

The official historic commemoration will be on Saturday, Sept. 16. Northville Mayor Ken Roth will speak about the historic hallmarks of the city at Town Square. Their presentation will be followed by a concert by the Dodworth Saxhorn Band, whose musicians play brass and percussion instruments built in the 1800s.

After the performance, the band will lead attendees to Ford Field, where the vintage team the Eclipse will play against the Monitor Base Ball Club of Chelsea. The original Eclipse baseball club began playing ball in 1867.

The Village of Northville came into being when early settlers moved north from Plymouth Township. Industry was perking up around the country as the nation entered the Reconstruction era following the Civil War. It was also the time when manufacturers started erecting small industrial buildings and began doing business in Northville. By the 1890s, the village was the largest manufacturing hub in Wayne County. It wasn't until 1955 that Northville was incorporated as a city.

Banners throughout town will mark the 150th anniversary event while posters in store fronts will relay historical information about the City's storied past, according to Michele Fecht, volunteer event organizer.

There is a wealth of information about Northville's history, including:

Oral histories (transcripts, audio and video) housed at the Northville District Library and available online. These stories tell the history of Northville by the people who experienced it. <http://www.northvillehistory.org/oralhistory.html>

Regional and Northville-specific historic information maintained by the Northville Genealogical Society. View databases of historical information at the Northville District Library. See their online resources here: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mings/>

Archives of the Northville Historical Society, housed at Mill Race Village. Find information about the people, places and events that made 1867 and the following decades significant for Northville to prosper as a village. <http://www.millracenorthville.org/archives-and-research/archives--research.html>

See schedule of events on page 4.



Notices

Household Hazardous Waste Event on Sept. 23 at Northville City Yards

Residents from Northville (city and township) and Livonia can drop off household hazardous waste materials at Northville's City Yards, 650 Doheny, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the annual fall Household Hazardous Waste Event.

No commercial waste will be accepted. Also, do not bring monitors and TVs; those items can be set out with your weekly trash if you live in the City of Northville.

For a list of acceptable items, visit <http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PublicWorks/HazardousWaste.asp>



Keeping you informed of City finances

To meet the requirements for Accountability & Transparency under City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing/County Incentive Program (CVTRS/CIP), the City of Northville provides the following information on our website:

1. Citizen's Guide of the City's most recent local finances, including recognition of unfunded liabilities
2. Performance Dashboard
3. Debt Service Report containing a detailed listing of the City's debt service requirements.
4. Projected Budget Report of revenues and expenditures including the current fiscal year and a projection for the following year.

Find this information at <http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Government/TransparencyAndCompliance.asp>

City to continue banking services with Comerica Bank

The City's Banking services were rebid with proposals submitted by Comerica, Flagstar, Huntington and Level One banks. City Council approved the finance director's recommendation to continue its existing relationship with Comerica Bank for five years at an estimated annual cost of \$21,710. Rebidding this service is expected to save approximately \$26,000 annually.

Verify property tax payments

Property taxes were due on Aug. 31. To verify that your payment was made on time, check on the website (Home Page, quick links). Residents who haven't yet paid can pay now to avoid additional late fees. <http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/TaxAndAssessing/TaxAndAssessingLookup.asp>

Front yard open space ordinance

Northville City Council recently approved changes to an ordinance that include requiring new single-family homes to leave at least 65% of the required front yard unpaved. Exceptions are made if the lot is narrow and doesn't have alley access. Another change prohibits parking on an unpaved surface in the front yard of a residential district and across a public sidewalk.

For more information about this ordinance and others, please visit ci.northville.mi.us (Quick Links on left side of home page, Code of Ordinances).

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Officer DeLano responded within minutes to a 911 call placed by the shop. He was soon joined by Officer Duggins and the Northville City Fire Department Station 1 and Community EMS.

As Duggins took over CPR, he checked for a pulse and found none. DeLano opened his AED (automatic external defibrillator) unit and applied the electrodes to the man's chest. It detected that his heart was quivering (a state known as fibrillation). The unit audibly stated, "Shock advised" and DeLano activated an electrical charge to the man's heart.

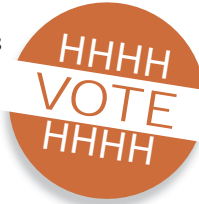
"It was like in the movies," DeLano said. "He was unconscious on the floor then his eyelids started to flutter and moments later he sat up."

Northville Police Chief Mike Carlson said, "The device worked just as intended. When we encounter a person having a heart attack, our police officers have just what they need – an AED on board their vehicles – to save a life within minutes. This is the first example of that."

In an email sent to the City, Gevartz noted, "I cannot stress enough, the teamwork, reaction times, professionalism, and competence that the Northville employees demonstrated." He also applauded the efforts of Figueroa in performing CPR.

Mark your calendars for General Election on Nov. 7

This year's election includes the City of Northville mayor and two Northville City Council members.



Facts at a glance:

Polls open: 7 a.m. - 8 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.

Oct. 10 is the last day to register to vote – If you are registering to vote in person, you must show an acceptable photo ID or sign an affidavit. If you register to vote by mail, you may be required to vote in person your first election.

Photo ID requirement – To satisfy this requirement, registered voters may show their current Michigan driver's license or state identification card when they vote at a precinct. Voters who do not possess a photo ID may vote after signing an affidavit.

Absent voter ballot information – Absent voter ballot mailings will begin around Sept. 23. Return your AV ballot application early to receive your ballot promptly. The office will begin issuing AV ballots over the counter beginning the week of Oct. 24. The photo ID requirement is in effect for over the counter AV ballots.

College students – If you are a college student who is going away to college, consider registering to vote in person. That way, you can vote by absent voter ballot.

Registering to vote – You can register to vote in person at the City Clerk's office, the County Clerk's office, at any Secretary of State branch office or at agencies in which you receive services, including the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Military recruitment centers.

Am I Registered to Vote? Where do I vote? Where can I view the ballot?

To learn the answers to these questions and more, visit our website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. Click on the "election information" button on the left side of the home page. Many people like the convenience of printing an absent voter ballot application and viewing or printing a sample ballot from the website.

Leaf pick-up for fall 2017

Area A: North of Eight Mile: Oct. 30 and Nov. 27

Area B: South of Eight Mile: Nov. 6 and Dec. 4

Leaf pick-up helps residents manage yard work

While people enjoy seeing the jewel tone colors of fall, raking leaves can be a tedious chore. The City of Northville makes your job easier by picking up leaves at curbside. If you follow these guidelines, you'll enjoy the freedom of not having to bag leaves and the City can pick up leaves quickly and efficiently.

Each neighborhood will have two pick-ups during the fall season. For homes north of 8 Mile (Area A), it will be Oct. 30 and Nov. 27; for homes south of 8 Mile (Area B), it will be on Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

The collection is done Monday through Friday or until finished, during your neighborhood's designated week. There is no set schedule for which days of the week certain streets are picked up, so please be ready at the start of your scheduled week.

Do not rake leaves into the street until the weekend before your scheduled pick-up. Do not mix branches, brush, garden waste, grass clippings or trash with the leaves left at curbside.

You can also check on the scheduled leaf pick-up by visiting the City's website or reading the weekly e-newsletter City News. (Sign up here: <http://tinyurl.com/gpwl5lf>)

Leaf disposal between leaf pick-up

If you want to dispose of leaves in between leaf pick-up times, put leaves in brown bags or compost containers (35-gallon limit) and place them



out on trash day, until Dec. 12. Do not place leaves in plastic bags – they will not be collected.

Brush Pick-up

Every Tuesday, year-round, a crew will chip branches left at the curb. Branches must be between the street and the sidewalk. Branches can be stacked neatly behind the curb with the cut ends facing the street. Branches 6 feet long and up to 6 inches in diameter are accepted.

The City will not collect roots, stumps, dirt, lumber, railroad ties or wood with metal in it.

Northville Historic District survey will benefit City residents and businesses

The City of Northville has been awarded a federal grant that shares the cost of conducting an intensive-level survey to uncover new information about the historical features and architectural attributes of up to 343 houses and other buildings in the City's Historic District. It's the first study of its kind in 45 years, when a partial survey of 61 historic structures in the 144-acre district was conducted.

A historic architect consultant will be hired in the fall and the survey is expected to begin shortly after. The process – from initial surveys to a draft of a survey report – will include two public meetings and one public hearing for input from residents.

Funding for the survey is being arranged through a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The federal government and the City of Northville will share in the cost of the survey. The City as well as local, state and federal agencies dedicated to historic preservation will receive an extensive report with color photos detailing survey findings. The public and owners of historic properties will have access to the full report as well as survey data and summary reports in digital format on the City's website.

Having a Historic District in Northville is a source of pride, a link to the past, and a destination point. The downtown area and neighborhoods in the Historic District exude a unique charm expressed through architecture that covers Greek Revival and Carpenter Gothic, the most prominent architectural style in the district; to Italianate style; Queen Anne style; and 20th Century Vernacular.

Buildings in Northville date to 1835. Imagine the upkeep on a 182-year-old home or commercial building, which needs to be repaired with materials, sizing and a sense of "rhythm" that matches the historic period in which it was built. Rhythm can be considered the overall look of a building, based on its arrangement of walls, windows and doors.

The Historic District Commission (HDC) is comprised of residents appointed by the mayor that ensures ordinances and standards are followed when historic buildings are retained, repaired and renovated.



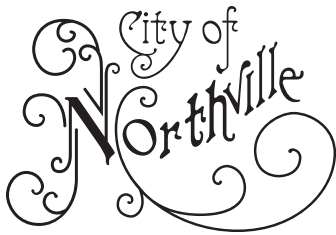
It is chaired by City Council Member Jim Allen. Six other members also serve on the commission, several of whom reside in the Historic District.

"The survey will be a good resource for the Historic District Commission and the property owner," said Sally Elmiger, principal of Carlisle Wortman Associates and a project manager of the historic district survey.

"For the Historic District Commission to do its job, it needs more information," Elmiger said. "This survey will provide that missing link." In addition, she noted, "The survey findings will help the owners understand what elements are important to the structure, and preserve them for the future."

Since the HDC must approve applications for changes to historic structures brought by the property owners, having a new comprehensive survey will provide additional historic information to help the commission better understand the building components – what must be maintained and why is it historically significant.

For updates on the survey, visit <http://ci.northville.mi.us/Community/HistoricDistrict/HistoricDistrictSurvey.asp>



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Anniversary Celebration Schedule of events

Friday, Sept. 15

- 6:30 p.m. - Victorian Parade (This event kicks off the Heritage Festival.) See parade route online: <http://www.northvilleheritagefest.com/parade-route>

Saturday, Sept. 16

- 1 p.m. – Commemoration ceremony led by Northville Mayor Ken Roth in Town Square
- 1:30 p.m. – Concert in Town Square featuring the Dodworth Saxhorn Band
- 2:30 p.m. – Band leads attendees from Town Square to Ford Field
- 3 p.m. – Baseball game – Eclipse vs. Monitor Base Ball Club of Chelsea

Sunday, Sept. 17

Events at Mill Race Village

- 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. – tours of Mill Race Village buildings
- 12:30 – 3 p.m. – Crème Tea, Cady Inn (admission fee)
- Duck race in the afternoon

Watch the City's website and social media channels for more information. Events, times and locations may change: visit the Heritage Festival website (<http://www.northvilleheritagefest.com>) and the Mill Race Village website (<http://www.millracenorthville.org/calendar>) for updates.



Calvin and Bev Roberts, of Northville, shop at the market.

Farmers' Market

Thursdays • 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
through Oct. 26, 2017

Shop at the Northville Farmers' Market 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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Building Department.....	248-449-9902
Cemetery.....	248-305-2702
City Manager.....	248-449-9905
City Clerk.....	248-349-1300
Communications (print, online).....	248-305-2703
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
Community Center.....	248-349-4140
Tax Department.....	248-449-9901
Youth Assistance.....	248-344-1618

Frequently Called 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

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This e-newsletter is delivered electronically every Thursday. Learn about your city, local government and boards, people making a difference, and events around town. (Visit the Northville website home page and go to Quick Links on the left to request a copy in your inbox.)