

# NORTHVILLE

## Matters

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## Voters will decide on street bond at Nov. 6 election

At the Nov. 6 election, a proposal will be on the ballot in Northville, asking for the issuance of \$3,050,000 in bonds, paid for over 10 years, to finance street improvements. If voters approve the request, funding of street repairs will increase with higher spending on streets from 2019-2022.

There will be two community forums on the street bond, set for Sept. 20, from 6 – 8 p.m., and Oct. 20, from 1-3 p.m. at the Community Center, 303 W. Main.

Here are some key points about the street bond:

- Estimated tax increase is .98 mills, or 98 cents per every 1,000 of taxable value. The average home in Northville will have an annual increase of \$137 per year for 10 years.
- To see what your cost would be, find your taxable value here: for Oakland properties: <https://tinyurl.com/yb5q7oq8>, for Wayne County properties: <https://tinyurl.com/y74uz6aw>. (Type the URL into the address bar, don't use the search bar.) Multiply your taxable value by .00098 to determine your new annual rate during that 10-year period.
- If the City's taxable value increases, due to new development or increased property values, homeowners' cost will be adjusted lower.
- Bond funds would be combined with the City's existing street millage and \$1,050,000 from reserve funds to infuse \$6.25 million into street repairs over the next four years.
- Engineering projections show that accelerated repairs will save the City \$2.5 million dollars over the next 15 years since the

streets won't deteriorate to such a poor level that they require complete reconstruction.

- Today, only 32.7% of Northville's streets are rated "good." With approval of the street bond, the number of good streets will increase to 63.1% after 10 years and 67.8% after 15 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.

Read the Q&As on the website to learn more about street conditions and how increased funding will be applied.

Information is also available in City News. Plan to attend the community forums to ask questions and learn more.

If you have immediate questions, please address them to the City Manager. Call 248-449-9905 or email [psullivan@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:psullivan@ci.northville.mi.us).

*The photo shows one of many Northville streets that need repair.*



## Household Hazardous Waste Event on Sept. 22

The City of Northville will host the Household Hazardous Waste event on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DPW Yard at 650 Doheny Drive (east of Northville Road, north of 7 Mile, under the train viaduct). It is open to residents of Northville (city and township) and Livonia.

### What's accepted:

- Aerosol cans; household chemicals; antifreeze/transmission fluid
- Batteries: automobile/household/marine; caustic/acids; fuel oil/gasoline/gas and oil mixes/kerosene/propane tanks 1# and 20#; compact spiral/fluorescent light bulbs
- Herbicides/insecticides/fungicides/pesticides

- Computer equipment: monitor, hard drive, modem, printer, keyboard, mouse; other electronics: fax machine, cell phones, scanner, VCRs and TVs

- Medical waste: expired medicine, used needles (in containers only). These items can also be taken to the Northville Township Police Dept. at any time.

- Mercury items and mercury-contaminated debris

- Paint: oil-based paints/stains, primers/turpentine/varnishes  
Latex paint may be disposed of with your regular trash. Dry out paint in can; use kitty litter to dry it faster or for a large amount. Put lid in the trash and place open cans of dried paint beside your trash, not in it.

# Notices

## Fire Department Hosts Open House

The Northville City Fire Department will team up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote the theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire Can Happen Anywhere," during a weeklong open house Oct. 7-13 to draw attention to Fire Prevention Week.

During Fire Prevention Week, open houses will be held at the City's Fire Department stations in Northville and Plymouth, with Station 1 located at 215 W. Main Street, next to City Hall in Northville. Station 2 in Plymouth is at 201 S. Main Street. Firefighters will be on hand between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to welcome guests, show the equipment and provide information about how to be safe in the event of a fire.

NFPA reports that the number of home fires in the United States has been steadily declining over the last few decades. However, the death rate per 1,000 home fires reported to fire departments was 10% higher in 2016 than it was in 1980. Modern materials used in construction and furnishings mean that home fires burn hotter and faster than in years past.

Fires at home are the most common cause of fire deaths. "In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to safely escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds," said City of Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott. "Planning ahead can save lives."

If you've never been to a fire station, now is the time to check out the City's fire stations. Bring the kids, who are always amazed by the equipment and learn valuable lessons about fire safety. It's a popular outing for school groups and child-based organizations looking for a field trip. For large group reservations, please call 248-449-9920.



## 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.

## Mark your calendars for General Election on Nov. 6

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.

**Register to vote** – You can register to vote 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 Dept. of Health and Human Services, the Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and military recruitment centers.

Oct. 9 is the last day to register to vote – Persons registering to vote in person must show an acceptable photo ID or sign an affidavit. If you choose to register to vote by mail, you may be required to vote in person during your first election.

**Absent voter ballot information** – Absent voter ballot mailings will begin around Oct. 8. 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. 22. The photo ID requirement is in effect for over-the-counter AV ballots.

**College students** – If you register to vote by mail, you may be required to vote in person during your first election. For students going away to college, if you register to vote in person, you'll be able to vote by absent voter ballot.

**Photo ID requirement** – Voters will be asked to show an acceptable photo ID when they vote at a precinct. Voters who do not possess a photo ID may vote after signing an affidavit.

**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 and go to "election information." Many people like the convenience of printing an absent voter ballot application, verifying their voter registration and polling place, and viewing or printing a sample ballot from the website.



## Historic District Survey will guide decisions about historic structures

The Historic District Survey is nearly complete and provides a fascinating look at 322 properties in the Historic District, many of which were built in the Victorian Era (1837-1901) as well as all properties that are more than 40 years old.

The extensive descriptions of building exteriors, structures, public land, and other features, along with photos, provide a valuable, in-depth historic reference of properties in the Historic District. Architectural historians who produced the report also noted whether a property is contributing or non-contributing to the local history.

Draft survey results are available for public review, and can be accessed via the City's website by going to: Community/Historic-District/HistoricDistrictSurvey or viewed in person at City Hall.

The Study Committee evaluating the Local Historic District Study Report (LHDSR) will hold a public hearing on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the second (and final) draft of the report.

The project consultant, Commonwealth Heritage Group, of Dexter, developed the first draft of the survey and revised it per comments from the Study Committee, which held public meetings on June 12 and July 19. Changes made following those meetings adhered to standards set by the Secretary of Interior. Other reviewers include the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), which manages a federal grant that funds the



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## Advantages of a healthy tree canopy

Trees of varying heights, species and color add a sensory appeal to daily life – and invite people to engage with the greenery, by walking under canopies of lush leaves, biking past clusters of fragrant flowering trees, or sitting on a bench in a tree's shade. Envision a stately 150-year-old oak soaring 80 feet tall next to a young dogwood with a burst of pink spring flowers. The contrast is complex and pleasing – it's nature's tapestry.

Pair the beauty of trees with their environmental advantages. Trees release oxygen when processing carbon dioxide and water with sunlight (photosynthesis) – making air cleaner to breathe. They absorb water from rain and snow, feeding the roots and filtering pollutants. When water is retained by trees, there's less runoff into surrounding soil that can cause erosion. To find out how trees can combat climate change, review this informative website: <https://tinyurl.com/y7nahok6>

The economic advantages are impressive. Tree windbreaks can reduce residential heating costs by 10 to 15 percent, while a tree's shade and ability to cool through water evaporation can reduce residential air-conditioning costs by 20 to 50 percent. On a tree-lined street, homes may be worth 25 percent more than on a street with only a few trees, according to the website [Canopy.org](http://Canopy.org).

The City of Northville's charm is embedded in the variety of trees that span streets, the downtown business district, parks and neighborhoods. Protection of this multi-dimensional asset is the goal of



the City's Tree Preservation Ordinance, which regulates maintenance and protection of trees, forests and other natural resources.

The City of Northville requires that all proposed tree removals be reviewed by the Building Dept. official before any work is done on the tree, even if the tree is dead. The Building official will review the application and supporting documents, conduct a site visit, and determine if a tree removal permit is required. This takes a few days to complete.

Adding trees to your property is a welcome addition not only for the homeowner but also for the neighborhood. DTE Energy's website has a comprehensive section about trees. There is a handy guide about what trees to plant in southeastern Michigan, listing the name, height and width at maturity, light requirements (sun/shade/combo), characteristics and distance to be planted from powerlines. See more here: <https://tinyurl.com/yblka463>.

## Historic District Survey

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study; the Historic District Commission (HDC) and City Council.

The first volume is the official "Historic District Study Report," which is a summary of the resources in the Historic District. The second volume is the full inventory of all of the historic structures in the district. The completed survey will be a valuable, authoritative resource for the local community, as well as the city, state and federal government.

The goals of the Historic District Survey are three-fold:

- 1) to pave the way for an updated nomination in the National Register of Historic Places
- 2) to help leaders and residents recognize the value of the structures' attributes: physical (original and renovations) as well as contributions to the City's history by the people who lived in the buildings or were associated with them
- 3) to provide historical data that will be used to guide decisions made by the Historic District Commission regarding requests for exterior building renovations in the Historic District.

For news about the survey, visit the Historic District Survey page on the City's website. For updates on the dynamic development and discussion of historic properties, visit the news section of the website, read City News and watch for reports on social media (Facebook and Twitter).

## Rake your leaves to curbside, let the City do the rest

Residents like the benefit of having leaves picked up at curbside rather than bagging them and setting them out for composting. Our clean sweep of leaves is a more efficient way to compost. The biggest thing to remember is when you should be raking the leaves to the street.

Each area (north of Eight Mile, south of Eight Mile) has two pick-ups during the fall season. Do not rake leaves into the street until the day before the week of your scheduled pick-up. Note that leaf pick-up occurs Monday through Friday or until finished, during your area'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.

You can also check on the scheduled leaf pick-up by visiting the City's website or in the weekly e-newsletter City News.

### Leaf disposal between leaf pick-up

If you must 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. 11. Leaves placed in plastic bags will not be collected.

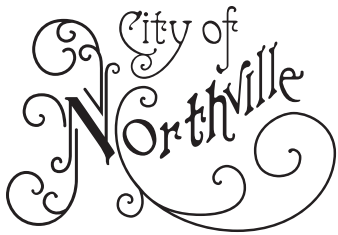


### Brush Pick-up

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.

## Leaf pick-up for fall 2018

Area A: North of Eight Mile: Nov. 5 and Dec. 3  
Area B: South of Eight Mile: Oct. 29 and Nov. 26



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## Heritage Festival offers something for all ages

Whether you're a senior who likes to reminisce about Northville's history, a kid who favors flavored popcorn and thrilling festival rides, or a young adult who relishes free concerts and cold beverages, this year's Heritage Festival has plenty to offer.

The Victorian parade kicks off the Sept. 14-16 weekend event on Friday at 6:30 p.m. Third grade students from the City's schools get dressed up in Victorian outfits and walk the parade route through downtown. After, Shawn Riley and his band will play from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. near the "outdoor saloon" (the big tent) behind City Hall.

On Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., 20 nonprofit booths will line E. Main Street to provide information and gain more supporters. Craft vendors along Center Street will sell handmade and custom items ranging from jewelry and gourmet food to furniture, clothing and glass works.

There will be entertainment both days on stages at Main and Center, and Town Square. A Kids Zone at W. Main Street features carnival rides. Free carriage rides will depart from in front of The Garage restaurant on Main St. and go around the neighborhood blocks.

Several other organizations are holding complementary events. Get an early start by taking a history hike in Maybury State Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The Village Workshop will host a Makers Auto Faire on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a classic car show, live music, refreshments, tours and more. Northville Kiwanis will host its breakfast from

8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday by the big tent behind City Hall. On Sunday, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mill Race Village hosts its "Vintage in the Village" event with a popular duck race, cream tea, entertainment, kids' activities and docent-led tours of the buildings. Visit their websites for details.

On Saturday night at 5 p.m., an '80s band will play in Town Square.

"It's a winning combination for so many who take part in the Heritage Festival – not only for the people who want to have a good time in this beautiful, historic city but also for the vendors, nonprofits and schools," said Lindsey Butzin, event manager for the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "We couldn't put on this event without our sponsors and volunteers and are grateful for their support."

Please note that several downtown streets will be closed to traffic over the festival weekend. Visit the City's website and social media sites for updates on street closures; visit the Chamber's website and social media sites for program changes and updates.

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## City Directory

Allen Terrace .....	248-349-8030
Assessing Department .....	248-305-2704
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/Treasurer.....	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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