

# NORTHVILLE

## Matters

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## Northville Fire Dept. has a new fire engine

The City of Northville will be receiving a new Spartan S180 fire engine – the central workhorse of the Fire Department – which will serve as the front-line engine for the community for more than a decade. Purchased through Northville-based R&R Fire Truck Repair Inc. for \$428,256, engine #1711 stands out with a painted flag unfurled on the front grill and room for six in the cab.

The Northville Fire Department, which serves the City of Northville and City of Plymouth, is called on an average 1,600 runs annually – 700 in Northville and 900 in Plymouth. These calls range from fires to downed wires, along with vehicle crashes and other emergency services. They also provide mutual aid to surrounding communities for larger incidents that require additional personnel or equipment.

The new fire engine cab and chassis was manufactured by Spartan Motors in Charlotte, MI, and driven to South Dakota where the pump, tanks and rear body parts were added.

Bells and whistles on the new S180 Series fire engine include:

- Larger storage area on the back of the truck to carry 1,000 feet of 5-inch supply line hose.
- A hard cover for hoses to protect them from the elements.
- Advanced protection system for cab occupants with additional air bags.
- LED lighting that illuminates dark settings to appear as bright as daylight.
- An aluminum frame and galvanized substructure that keeps the vehicle weight lower than steel and prevents corrosion.

Approximately \$25,000 worth of modifications and new equipment include:

- a thermal imaging camera
- three power saws (for cutting roofs, masonry and metal)
- hoses

“The new engine takes the front-line position with the 2001 American LaFrance to be used as back-up. The 1988 Pierce, which was the department’s back-up engine, will be sold,” said Fire Chief Steve Ott.

“The Spartan S180 is expected to provide 25 years of service: approximately 12 years as a front-line engine and the remaining years as the back-up engine.”

The 1988 Pierce was purchased nearly two years ago from the City of Plymouth. It has been driven 45,726 miles and has seen service with other area fire departments. Fire Marshal Greg Westfall Sr. drove the truck during his time with the Plymouth Township Fire Dept., as well as with Northville.



*Fire Chief Steve Ott and Fire Marshal Greg Westfall, Sr. with the new fire engine.*

The new fire engine was purchased through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program, a governmental purchasing co-op. It only took 180 days to build and deliver – hence its name – although additional time was spent outfitting it locally.

### Free Household Hazardous Waste Events for Northville Residents

Friday, April 26 • 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 27 • 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Ford Field, Livonia (enter from Stark Rd.,  
Northbound from Schoolcraft)

*Open to City of Northville/Livonia residents only.*

Saturday, May 11 • 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Henry Ford Community College  
5101 Evergreen, Dearborn  
*All Northville residents are welcome.*

For more events and a list of acceptable materials, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yy8qfwp6>



# Notices

## Contractors save time by scheduling online inspections

Builders, electricians, mechanical contractors and plumbers that perform commercial or residential work in the City of Northville are encouraged to set up an account on the Access My Government (AMG) website ([www.accessmygov.com](http://www.accessmygov.com)) to schedule inspections and obtain permits.

Contractors must first register in person at City Hall or by mail before they can use the AMG website for inspections and permits. Inspections must be scheduled by 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

## Compost, trash pick-up reminders

Compost collection resumed on April 1. As a reminder, set compost on the lawn at curbside in large paper compost bags or in a garbage can without the lid. Label it as compost or use a free sticker available in the City Hall vestibule.

Trash and recycling bins should be placed on the lawn at curbside by 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day - Monday for neighborhoods north of 8 Mile and Tuesday for neighborhoods south of 8 Mile. Trash cans must be 32-gallons or less and weigh less than 50 pounds.

Magazines, catalogs, glossy inserts and mixed paper can be placed directly in the recycling bin – no twining or bagging required. Waste Management does not accept any plastic bags. Paint must be dried solid by either putting kitty litter in the can or pouring paint onto newspapers. (Do not pour paint down the drain.)

Trash collection will be delayed by one day after Memorial Day and Labor Day.

## Pay parking tickets online

If you need to pay a parking ticket, you have the option to pay online. The traditional methods of paying – in person at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, or by mail – are still available.

### To pay your parking ticket online:

- Have your ticket handy to access the ticket number and amount due (on front of ticket).
- Note that a convenience fee will be added.
- You can review the full amount, including fee, and confirm it before you submit your payment.
- Go to <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/CityofNorthvilleOnlinePayments>.



## Technology upgrades

Keeping technology current involves periodic reinvestment in equipment. In March, City Council approved the purchase of two network servers and 31 desktop computers.

This purchase will replace the City's two failing servers and computers operating on Windows 7, with new units operating on Windows 10.

The servers were purchased from IT Right, of Bath, MI, and will be installed by the company for a total cost of \$24,900. IT Right is the City's provider for information technology support.

The desktop computers (CPU) and software are being purchased from CDW-G, of Chicago, utilizing a MiDeal state purchasing contract for \$29,326.

## Garage sale signs

If you are having a garage sale or yard sale and plan to advertise it with a sign, you will need a garage sale sign permit. The free permit is valid for up to three days, and there is a limit of three permits per year. You will need to provide the proposed private property sign locations when you apply for the permit. Applications are available on the City's website or at the City Clerk's office.

## City streets slated for repair this year

The City of Northville has identified the streets to be repaired and reconstructed in the 2019 construction season. This year's construction will cost approximately \$2 million, funded by the 2018 voter-approved street bonds, the existing street millage and the water and sewer operations fund.

"There are many factors that impact road reconstruction," said DPW Director Loyd Cureton, who worked with the Engineering firm Fleis and VandenBrink to prioritize the list. "It is really important to coordinate road reconstruction with utility work so a newly paved street doesn't get torn up within a few years due to scheduled repairs on water mains, gas mains and sewer lines."

The selection was based on the current condition of the streets, using visual inspection and software mapping; the overall condition of the streetway network (OCI); and other aspects, such as traffic flow, having alternative routes and repairs by utilities. This list is subject to change, due to new factors that may impact the plan.

Street name	Planned repair
Baseline: Center St. to Novi St.	2-inch mill and overlay
Taft: Eight Mile to City Limits	2-inch mill and overlay
N. Rogers: Main to Potomac	full reconstruction and water main
Lexington Blvd.: Potomac to end of cul de sac	mill and overlay
Glenhill Dr.	mill and overlay
MacDonald	mill and overlay
Potomac: N. Rogers to Lexington	full reconstruction
Morgan Blvd.	full reconstruction
Allen Dr.	full reconstruction at Novi St. and Novi Rd
Morgan Circle/ Morgan Court	mill and overlay
Stanstead	full reconstruction



North Rogers Street at Main Street, facing north.

# Soil erosion prevention stops topsoil from shifting

Preventing topsoil from drifting off one's property due to rain or wind is an ongoing challenge. It's most difficult for new construction where the topsoil around the property has not yet been anchored by grass or ground cover.

There are City regulations that builders and landscapers must follow to prevent soil erosion. In many cases, a permit is needed. (Visit the Code of Ordinances on the website, Article IV, Sec. 34-111 and 116-126.)

Topsoil is the top two to seven inches of soil that contains organic matter, microbes, water and insects that are all needed to ensure nutrient cycling. It is the medium for all plant growth on lawns and gardens.

Preventing soil erosion keeps it from clogging the storm sewers and drainage ditches and entering our rivers, streams and the Great Lakes. Herbicides and pesticides applied to lawns and landscape contain chemicals that travel with the runoff soil as it migrates toward storm sewers and drainage ditches and eventually into nearby waterways. Soil erosion is one cause of pollution and adversely impacts insects and wildlife.

For homeowners, spring is a good time to take steps to keep topsoil on your property. These are tips from SEMCOG and the World Wildlife Fund.

- **Select plants native to Michigan.** They can tolerate the climate, require less fertilizer and water, and are more disease resistant. Also diversify plantings.
- **Plant a rain garden.** Place native plants in low areas where rainwater tends to pool; this helps absorb and filter storm water.
- **Use a variety of plants** to keep pesky bugs at bay and reduce the need for pesticides.
- **Place a thick layer of mulch** (four inches) around trees and plants. This helps retain water, minimizes weeds, and reduces the need for pesticides.



- **Plant a tree.** Trees provide many benefits. They soak up water, improve air quality and add beauty to your yard.
- **Use a mulching mower.** By mulching leaves into your grass, you'll add in nutrients and use less fertilizer. Plus, there will be fewer leaves to pick up in the fall by the City's contracted service.
- **Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly.** Limit application of these chemicals to problem areas only.
- **Capture the rain.** Use a rain barrel to water your plants; empty it frequently so it doesn't become a breeding container for mosquitoes.
- **Avoid mowing within 10 to 25 feet** from the edge of a stream or creek. This will create a safe buffer zone to prevent erosion and naturally filter storm water runoff.

Visit these websites for more information:

<https://www.semco.org/protect-our-waterways#770118-what-you-can-do-with-household-hazardous-waste>

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/threats/soil-erosion-and-degradation>

## Keep your yard in good shape water within limits

Spring is here and many people are working on their lawns or hiring landscaping companies-using plenty of water to get flowers to bloom and lawns and shrubs to stay green.

To keep the cost of water at a moderate rate, remember to follow the odd/even watering system.

- Homes with addresses that end in odd numbers can only water on odd days: May 1, May 3, etc., while addresses that end in an even number can only water on even days: May 2, May 4, etc.
- People with automatic sprinkler systems can only water between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m., following the odd/even rules.
- Those who water manually with a hose (not attached to a timer or connected to an underground irrigation system), may do so between 11 a.m. and 5 a.m., also adhering to the odd/even rules.

Using sprinklers outside the permitted days/hours contributed to the City exceeding its contracted limits with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) in 2018. This causes rate increases for all City of Northville water customers.

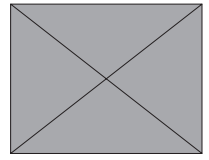
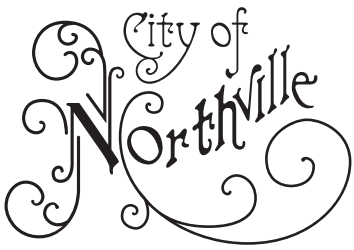
Notices will be posted on the homes of residents watering outside their required times/days. A civil infraction violation and associated fines and penalties will be assessed: \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for subsequent offenses. For reference, see the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 86-48.



## Siren warning system will be sounded first Saturdays

We are entering the spring season of severe storms and tornados. The sirens in the City of Northville have already been activated several times for testing – the latest was on March 27 during Severe Weather Awareness Week. Tests are typically conducted the first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. from March-November.

The test serves as a reminder of what would happen in an actual severe storm or tornado. In that case, people would be advised to seek cover – preferably indoors away from windows. They would be advised to tune in to weather reports on the radio, TV or internet, and not call the police or fire department simply for weather updates. The alarm system plays an important role in public safety because severe weather can damage homes and cause injuries and death. The sirens are activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning, which means it has either been sighted or indicated on radar, as well as for a severe thunderstorm with winds at 70 mph or higher.



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## Community events

### Farmers Market

every Thursday  
May 2 – Oct. 31  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Lot at 7 Mile and Sheldon Rd.  
Sponsored by Northville Chamber of Commerce

### 32nd Annual Flower Sale

May 24-25  
Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Main Street, Downtown Northville  
Sponsored by Northville Chamber of Commerce

### Memorial Day Parade

May 27, 10 a.m.  
Begins at Northville Downs  
Sponsored by VFW Post 4012  
For information, call 248-348-1490 or visit [vfw4012.org](http://vfw4012.org).

### Summer Concerts in Town Square

Wednesday Acoustic Concerts  
begins June 5, 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday Night Concerts  
begins June 7, 7 to 9 p.m.

Tunes on Tuesday  
begins June 18, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

## Rural Hill expansion gets underway

The Phase II expansion of Rural Hill Cemetery is underway, bringing an additional 541 plots to a 1.2-acre section of the 20-acre cemetery. City Council approved a contract for \$120,034 to low-bidder Premier Group, of Detroit, at their March 4 meeting.

Work includes grading the expansion area, installing pavement and adding topsoil and grass seed to attain full coverage. All aspects of the project will adhere to the engineering and landscape architectural plans. Approximately five mature trees will need to be removed but will be replaced by new trees either in the cemetery or elsewhere in the City (for zero tree loss).

The cemetery entrance is at W. Seven Mile Rd., east of S. Rogers.



## Plan for summer fun

Sign up for a program, event or summer camp through Northville Parks and Recreation – it has something for all ages. The printed version was mailed to homes in Northville. Extra copies are available at City Hall and at the Parks and Recreation office or view the summer brochure here: <https://tinyurl.y4sfe7gt.com/4sfe7gt>.

## City Directory

Allen Terrace .....	248-349-8030
Assessor .....	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 .....	248-305-2851
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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