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City of Northville welcomes new police chief

Alan Maciag has joined the Northville Police Dept. as police chief. It's a role he says he couldn't pass up based on the City's reputation for having a police department that is respected, community-focused and also because the City is a popular destination with extensive community events.

Maciag (pronounced Mas-ee-ack) started his career at the Wayne Police Dept. nearly 21 years ago and rose to become police chief.

He began his new post in Northville on Dec. 26, 2018. Plans for the first few months include learning about police department operations and meeting people in the community. "I want to get to know as much as I can," he said.

"The tradition of respect, integrity and service is part of the culture of Northville's Police Dept. and those are traits that I live by," he said. He knows the former police chief (Michael Carlson, who retired in July 2018) and the two often compared notes

on each City's policing challenges and best practices.

While at the Wayne Police Dept., he held supervisory roles in the Investigative and Traffic Bureau and in the undercover unit (COPCRU) among other areas. He also gained valuable experience as an evidence technician and accident investigator. He was named Wayne's Police Officer of the Year in 2001.

He earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Western Michigan University; an M.A. in Criminology from Eastern Michigan University and graduated from the FBI National Academy (251st session) in Quantico, VA. Maciag is also a graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. He serves on several boards of chiefs organizations in the state and is a member of the Curriculum Committee of the



FBI National Academy's Michigan Chapter.

"We really look forward to having Alan Maciag as our new chief. He has an impressive background in terms of his training and professionalism. We think he'll be a great fit for the department and the community," said City Manager Pat Sullivan.

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City launches new website to improve access to information and services

The City of Northville went live on Dec. 3, 2018 with a vibrant new website designed to help users conduct business efficiently and find information easily. It has the same URL: ci.northville.mi.us. The website is easy to use, ADA compliant, and mobile responsive,

adapting to various screen sizes – from desktops to phones – without losing quality. Easy-to-access sections are organized by department or category with Quick Links to take users directly to a page.

The website features banner photos and candid shots of people who live and work here or come to visit. There are also photos of events, neighborhoods, the Historic Downtown – the "Heart of the City" – and unique spaces.

The main headers are Government, Business, Community, Services and How Do I? – a shortcut to finding commonly asked questions. Services include: Allen Terrace, Building and Planning, City Clerk, Communications, Finance, Fire Dept., Police Dept., and Public Works Dept. (DPW).

It was designed by Civic Live (an entity of West), of Kansas City, MO, which specializes in

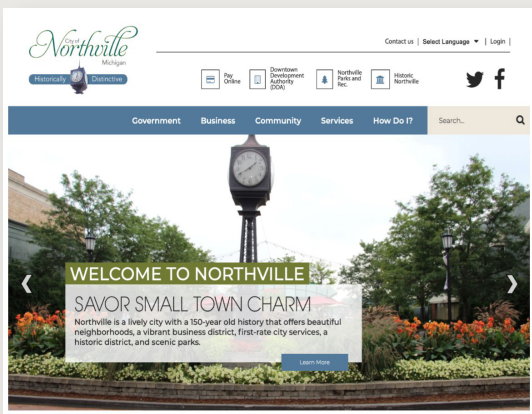
websites for municipalities and school districts.

The new website will be updated on a regular basis by staff, using a content management system that allows for the placement of copy and photos. Several new forms are on the websites; others will be created in the coming months. Some archived material still needs to be added. Please be patient as we work through this phase.

We invite you to visit the new website and let us know what you think by completing a brief feedback form, accessed from Quick Links or the Communications Dept. page.

If you have questions about the website, please contact Liz Cezat via email at lcezat@ci.northville.mi.us or any of the directors of the departments. Contact information is on each department page.

City Hall closure: Presidents' Day, Feb. 18



Northville selects Fleis & VandenBrink as Engineer of Record

The City has contracted with Fleis & VandenBrink (F&V) to serve as its Engineer of Record. The firm has seven Michigan offices, including one in Farmington Hills, and provides engineering services to more than 50 municipalities in Michigan.

F&V Professional Engineer Jennifer Chehab and her team are working closely with the City's Department of Public Works on infrastructure needs. The scope of work includes improvements to roads, water mains, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, traffic signals and parks. The firm is providing infrastructure evaluation and design, plan reviews, construction administration and engineering.

"F&V's qualifications and experience in municipal engineering is outstanding" said Loyd Cureton, DPW director. "Firms were rated based on relevant experience, demonstrated ability, proximity to the City, familiarity with related agencies, and references."

City Council approved the firm's three-year contract, with the option for a three-year renewal, at its Dec. 3, 2018 meeting.

Voters approve street bond

The voter-approved street bond will allow for the additional spending of \$1 million over the budgeted amount of \$550,000 in the 2019 construction season. In total, \$3 million more will be spent on roads.

Upgrades to roads include complete reconstruction, mill and overlay, and crack seal repairs for roads made of asphalt, concrete and composite materials. Street names for this year's road work weren't available at print time, but will be posted on the City website.

Considerations that went into determining the road replacement and repair schedule include the following:

- 1) Engineers used specialized software and visual inspections to create data-driven scoring of each road's condition, individually and as part of the City's overall road network.
- 2) By coordinating with utility companies on planned repairs to the water, sewer and gas infrastructure, multiple repairs can be done sequentially, minimizing damage to new streets.
- 3) The plan spreads the construction work throughout the City so traffic doesn't become overly congested.

Streets with a high number of water main breaks will be considered for paving in conjunction with water main replacement. In addition, advanced sewer inspection equipment will now be used to evaluate the sanitary sewer system and identify areas of system weakness. This information will help assess the underlying infrastructure aspect of road repair and replacement, according to DPW Director Loyd Cureton. The engineering firm leading the road repair work is Fleis and VandenBrink (See related story above.)



Snow plows ready to clear winter snow & ice

The City of Northville is well prepared for snow removal. Initially, snow is plowed from the main streets and intersections, such as Center, Main and Taft. The plows then clear snow from streets with steep hills and sharp curves to aid in safe driving before working on flat streets in neighborhoods, parking lots, alleys and cemetery roads.

Wayne County plows snow from the streets of Griswold, 7 Mile, Northville Road, and 8 Mile, east of Taft. Oakland County is responsible for clearing snow on 8 Mile, west of Taft, and Novi Road.

Salt is used sparingly to avoid damage to roads and run-off into the Rouge River, but may be applied when conditions warrant, especially at intersections.

Keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice

Residents and businesses must clear sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow or ice event. When clearing snow, it is against the law to blow or shovel snow into any roadway. Prompt removal of snow also reduces the need for salt, which discharges into storm drains.

NOTICES

Dog license renewal

All dogs four months and older must be licensed. Dog licenses for 2018 expire on Feb. 28, 2019. The annual license fee is \$13 (\$10 with documented spay/neuter). A current rabies vaccination certificate is required with the application. Apply at the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail or online. To register by mail, download an application from www.ci.northville.mi.us (Services/City Clerk/Permits and Licenses).



Financial Briefs

Online Property Information and Payments

View your tax, assessing, utility, and permit property information on the City's website (Online Property Information & Payments). You can sign up for automatic payment of taxes and utilities, request to receive your utility bill via email, make payments by credit card or e-check, and view your payment status.

General property tax dates

Feb. 14 Last day to pay winter 2018 taxes without penalty or interest.

Feb. 28 Last day to pay summer and winter 2018 property taxes at the City.

March 1 Assessment notices are mailed at the end of February. If you have not received yours by March 1, please contact the City Assessor.

March 11, 13, & 16 Board of Review public hearings and deliberations.

If you own a business

January Personal Property Statements are mailed to all registered business owners.

Feb. 20 Personal property statements or exemption affidavits are due to Assessor.

City finance reports available to the public

To meet the requirements for Accountability & Transparency under City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing Program, the City of Northville annually must certify to the Michigan Department of Treasury that the City has produced and made readily available to the public the following documents: Citizen's Guide, Performance Dashboard, Debt Service Report and Projected Budget Report.

These documents can be viewed on the City's website (Government/Open Government).

City Council briefs

Here's a highlight of major decisions recently made by City Council. You can see a full list of City Council meeting highlights on the website and in City News.

Approved rezoning of Seven Mile – The South Main Street Sub Area was rezoned from Performance Regulated Industrial (PR-1) to General Commercial District (GCD). The businesses currently on the site – Inch Memorial, Monro Brake and Tire, and Northville Athletix – are grandfathered in.

Parking deck study for financing repairs – A \$7,500 contract was awarded to Carlisle Wortman, of Ann Arbor, to research and recommend the best approach for funding repairs to the City's two parking decks at MainCentre and Cady Street.

East Main sewer repair – A \$38,760 contract with Rowe Professional Services Co., was approved for the design and construction engineering of a sanitary sewer/lining project at Main St. (between Griswold and E. Cady) and a section of Novi Rd. The project will help prevent a potential breakdown of the pipes, which were found to be fractured during repair work in 2017.

Marihuana ordinance approved – On Dec. 6, 2018, a new law took effect that makes marihuana legal for recreational use in Michigan. City Council passed an emergency ordinance to prohibit marihuana establishments within the city limits. Based on new rules being developed by the Department of Licensing and Regulation governing marihuana establishments, the ordinance is effective through June 30, 2020, unless renewed or amended by Council.

Cady St./Center St. mixed-use project – City Council approved a six-month extension, until July 16, 2019, for developer/builder Andrew Daily to purchase 24 feet of the western edge of the City-owned parking lot for the Cady Project (now called "The Delano"). The extension was based on the builders' progress in advancing the project, which will include commercial space and condos.

Horton Street right of way – Two property owners on Maplewood have asked the City to consider a resolution to vacate the right-of-way on Horton, between Carpenter and Novi St. A 400-foot section of Horton (from Hill to Maplewood) had been vacated by the City in September 2018 at the request of area residents. The decision prevents houses from being built along Horton, which now is a trail through the wooded Maplewood Park that extends from Hill to Maplewood. A public meeting on the resolution is slated for the City Council's meeting on Feb. 19.



The right of way, showing Horton, which changes from a street into a trail from Maplewood to Hill St.

Proposed redevelopment project information on the City website

You'll find important information about proposed redevelopment projects on the Planning Commission section of the website. The Proposed Redevelopment Projects web page contains documents such as site plan and PUD applications, proposed site plans, drawings of building elevations, aerial views, and traffic analyses. There are also internal and planning consultant reviews and public comments in the form of letters or emails.

This information helps keep you informed of proposed buildings and developments seeking Planning Commission approval. To view the page, go to Services: Building and Planning/Planning Commission/Proposed Redevelopment. For quicker access, there is a link on the home page under Notices: Stay connected. A second part of the Planning Commission (agendas and minutes) is located in Government: Agendas and Minutes.



Grant leads to nine new AEDs

The City of Northville Fire Department received a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase nine life-saving Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs).

Five of the nine AEDs are designated as "public access" and have been installed at Northville City Hall, Northville District Library, Northville Community Center, Northville Recreation Center (at Hillside School), and Allen Terrace, senior apartments owned by the City. Four are outfitted on fire trucks and vehicles in Station 1, on Main Street in the City of Northville.

The new AEDs replace models that were at least 10 years old and were no longer compatible with the Zoll cardiac monitor used by the Community EMS, which provides Advanced Life Services for citizens and visitors in the City of Northville.

AARP Foundation offers free tax service

The AARP Foundation will offer free tax preparation services to low- to middle-income seniors at the Northville Community Center on Thursdays, Feb. 7-April 12, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteer tax aides are certified for tax preparation. Appointments typically take 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Taxpayers will get a copy of their returns, which are e-filed at both the state and federal (IRS) offices. Only personal tax returns, no business tax returns, are processed.

Call 248-305-2851 to schedule an appointment, you will be notified about what tax information to bring with you.

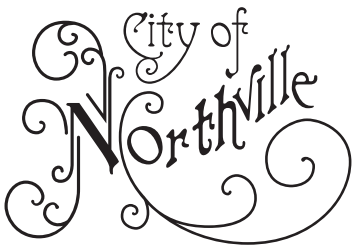
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Small-town policing in Maciag's view means "being an integral part of the community, knowing the business owners and the community, and knowing what issues are taking place in the community."

Despite national trends of rampage shootings, opioid overdoses and property crime, he's optimistic about police work. "We need to talk about crime with the community, look at policies within the department, and prevent and respond," he said. "The community is our biggest ally. They should know what's going on in Police Department operations and about crime trends."

He likes to "be hands-on and get out there with the officers, and become integrated with the community as much as possible. Having a great line of communication with the community helps solve problems and combats crime."

When he's not working, he likes to do DIY projects at his home in Grass Lake, work on cars, golf and spend quality time with family and friends. He is married to June and they have two sons, Jacob, 24, and Alex, 21, who passed away last year. Alex always wanted to follow in Maciag's footsteps and become a police officer. "Even though Alex has passed, he is still with me every day. He was an exceptional young man and my second career in Northville is dedicated to him."



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Building and development news

The Planning Commission has approved final site plans for the development of a three-story mixed-use building at 335 E. Cady in the Historic District. It will have two floors of office space with first-floor retail. D.J. Maltese Construction Corp. is the developer/builder. Steven Fluhm is the architect. Ground-breaking is planned for Spring 2019 with occupancy slated for Fall 2019.



Northville welcomes the new Sicilian-style restaurant 160 Main, which opened Nov. 28, 2018. Visit their website (www.onesixtymain.com) for hours and menus. Congratulations to co-owners Brian Maiorana and Salvatore Monteleone.

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
Community Center	248-349-4140
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
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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2018 highlights/news summary

January – Contract awarded for design/engineering of Rural Hill cemetery expansion.

February – Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan begins one-year term as president of MME.

March – DPW Director Loyd Cureton joins staff; North 320 condominium project gets underway.

April – The City’s first communications survey was conducted and changes were made based on respondents’ feedback.

May – OHM Engineers and Advisors get a green light to develop a conceptual utility master plan of the water, wastewater and storm water systems within the area bound by Cady, Center, 7 Mile and Griswold in preparation for redevelopment.

June – Senior Services hosts a successful Senior Fest luncheon party at the Community Center with 125 seniors from Northville and surrounding areas.

July – High outdoor water use during a long heat wave causes the City to exceed contracted limits with GLWA, which will result in higher water bills.

August – An intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County allows for the use of \$100,000 to help pay for the retaining wall repair project that separates a pond from Johnson Creek in Fish Hatchery Park.

September – The final draft study report on the Historic District Survey has evaluated 418 historic homes and structures. The approval process should wrap up in early 2019.

October – The Northville Fire Dept.’s weeklong open house draws 1,690 visitors to Fire Station #1 on W. Main Street for treats, vivid demonstrations and education.

November – Street Bond passes; Highest midterm voter turnout in recent City history; City of Northville takes legal action that (temporarily) halts demolition of Main Street School.

December – City launches new website; New Police Chief Alan Maciag joins Police Dept.

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