

NORTHVILLE Matters

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Northville Youth Network is on the move

Kids who are battling a host of issues in school or at home and those who need clarity on healthy lifestyle choices have the resources they need in Northville, thanks to an innovative and collaborative outreach service.

Northville Youth Network (NYN) is a shared service of the City and Township of Northville, in partnership with Northville Public Schools. It is funded by taxes in the City, a millage in the township (up for renewal on the August ballot), and monies from Wayne County for youth assistance diversion services.

Last spring, NYN rebranded its image and changed its focus. Rather than solely helping teens who get in trouble, the program now offers a holistic model that empowers youth from elementary through 12th grade to learn about healthy lifestyle factors and how making good choices can help them at school, at home, and among friends. NYN also provides a bridge to counseling, nutrition and wellness services at other agencies and organizations.

NYN is guided by nine commissioners who meet monthly as a group to review policies and procedures; monitor finances; provide input on programs and services; and share their expertise, research and knowledge of the community. They are also advisors whose recommendations and involvement bolsters the program – ensuring it is responsive to emerging needs and making a difference in the lives of kids. *Continued on page 3*



From left, Nadine Harris, chair; Amy Prevo, NYN director; Michelle Fecht, commissioner; Chuck Murdock, commissioner; Kerri Ann Sondreal, NYN youth support specialist; Amy Knoth, commissioner; and Libby Smith, commissioner. Not pictured: Marilyn Price, City Council liaison; Suzanne Lynn, commissioner; Melinda Herrmann, Township liaison; and Beth Santer, Northville School District liaison.

City operations continue to keep ahead of COVID-19



City hall is temporarily closed to the public, but services continue.

2 For the latest news about COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) please visit the home page of the City website and follow the link to the COVID-19 page. There, we've compiled all news articles and updates relating to how the City is addressing the pandemic to help keep citizens safe while continuing to provide essential services – from trash pick-up to water and sewage management, from infrastructure maintenance and improvements to essential permits and licenses. We also are focused on keeping the Fire Dept. and Police Dept. running at full capacity for emergency needs.

Overnight parking will be allowed on City streets and in public lots (without a fine) during the governor's Order 2020-21 (through

April 13) and possibly longer.

This accommodates kids home from college, and extended family members.

Trash collection will continue as usual but composting (leaves, yard waste, etc.) brush chipping and bulk item collection (refrigerators, mattresses, etc.) will be suspended by Waste Management until further notice (due to essential services only restriction).

The daily changes that occur with this rapidly evolving situation make it difficult to communicate about it in a traditional print format, since an article could be outdated by the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox. For recent developments, also check Facebook, Twitter and our weekly e-newsletter, City News.

Notices

Roadwork and water/sewer repairs awarded for 2020 construction season

When the City of Northville requested bids for road replacement and repairs for the 2020 Local Road Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Program, eight companies responded. After vetting bids, it was determined that Nagle Paving, of Novi, had the best pricing and qualifications.

The company received approval on three proposals from City Council at its March 16 meeting:

- 1) Replace water and sanitary sewer mains and reconstruct the streets (2.44 lane miles) after those infrastructure repairs are completed at a cost of \$1,820,805.
- 2) Complete approximately two (2) miles of street reconstruction at a total cost of \$1,491,595.
- 3) Perform mill and fill work on 1.87 miles of surface on three streets at a cost of \$757,400, with a 10% contingency for a total cost of \$833,140.

Bidigare Contractors, of Plymouth Twp., was awarded the contract for the 2020 Water Main Replacement program in the amount of \$718,210 – a bid that was 26% lower than the second low bidder. The company will use a “pipe bursting” technique that replaces pipe in-situ in 300-foot sections. As a result, water to residents will only be off for a few hours at a time. The water and sanitary sewer mains on Grace Street, Maplewood St. to Hill St. will be done through Nagle, since the water and sanitary sewer lines will require open trenching for replacement.

View the chart to see which roads are included in these projects. The Baseline Rd. rehabilitation project from the 2019 bid will be part of this year’s construction season.

The City is working with engineering consultant Fleis & VandenBrink on the design and construction oversight of these projects. Residents on the streets slated for repair will be notified about work schedules, detours and parking restrictions via fliers, the City website and posts on social media. Work on water lines won’t begin until the COVID-19 pandemic has eased.

This construction work is the result of voter approval in 2018 of the issuance of \$3,050,000 in bonds, paid for over 10 years to finance street improvements.

Mill and Overlay	
Baseline	N. Center – Novi St.
Coldspring Drive	McDonald Dr. (S) – Mill Pond Ct.
Spring Drive	Eaton Dr. W - City Limit
Sherrie Lane	Jeffery Dr. - Hillridge St.
Full Reconstruction	
Stanstead Road	Battleford Ln – Elmsmere Dr.
Summerside Lane	Battleford Ln – Elmsmere Dr.
Larry Drive	Morgan Circle – Jeffery Dr.
Allen Drive	Novi St. – Novi Rd.
Potomac Street	N. Rogers – Lexington Blvd.
Full Reconstruction - Water / Sanitary	
N. Rogers	Potomac St. – W. Main St.
High Street	Randolph – W. Dunlap
W. Cady Street	S. Wing St. – S. Rogers St.
Grace Street	Maplewood St – Baseline
Grace Court	Maplewood St - Deadend

Census strives to count all residents

The official Census Day is the one day every 10 years when everyone living in the United States is counted. Every head of household in Northville is being asked to complete an official census form – online, on paper or by phone – that denotes how many people are living in that household as of April 1, 2020.

It’s important that everyone be counted in the census since that is the official document that impacts how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year, the number of seats in Congress allocated to each state, and other decisions.

The 2020 Census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2: The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous and used only to produce statistics. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. For general information, visit the website: <https://www.census.gov>

Maximize use of water on lawns and gardens

It’s springtime and that means an increased use of water to keep lawns and gardens green. To keep the cost of water as low as possible, remember to follow the City’s odd/even watering system regulations.

Homes with addresses that end in odd numbers can only water on odd days: April 21, April 23, etc., while addresses that end in an even number can only water on even days: April 22, April 24, etc.

People with automatic sprinkler systems can only water between the hours of 12 a.m. and 5 a.m., following the odd/even rules.

Those who water manually with a hose (not attached to a timer), can do so between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., also adhering to the odd/even rules.

Using sprinklers outside the permitted days/hours contributes to the use of excess water, which results in rate increases, imposed by the Great Lakes Water Authority, for all City of Northville water users.

Notices will be posted on the homes of residents who are watering outside their required times/days, and civil infraction violations may be issued. (See the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 86-48.)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

A four-year contract with Environmental Recycling Group (ERG) was approved by City Council at its March 16 meeting to offer year-round collection (weekdays) for citizens to drop-off waste materials at the company’s Livonia location – 13040 Merriman. In addition, one local household hazardous waste collection will be held at City Yard – this year on Aug. 29.

The price for the drop-off service at the Livonia ERG site will be \$47 per car in 2020, with a 100 lb. limit. The cost is covered by the City. Please aim to have a full load when you make a delivery – consider taking your neighbors’ hazardous waste along with your own to reach the maximum allowable weight.

Absent voter ballots available to all voters

All voters can now request to vote by AV ballot without stating a reason. This expands a convenient voting process to many more people. Approximately two months before each election, absent voter ballot applications are available on the City’s website and at City Hall. To vote by AV ballot, complete, sign, and return your AV ballot application by mail, email, in person, or via the drop box in the City Hall vestibule (open 24/7).

New officer joins Police Department

Erin Larkin is the newest member of the City of Northville Police Dept., having joined the department in mid-January. The opening follows the retirement of Sgt. Matthew Clemence. Police Chief Alan Maciag introduced her to City Council on Feb. 3, where she was warmly welcomed.

Officer Larkin brings 17 years of experience as a Washtenaw County Sheriff deputy, serving primarily in Ypsilanti Township with some coverage of the small town of Manchester in Superior Township.

"I had a lot of experience and exposure to various crimes, from parking to homicides," she said. "We had to do everything – from the initial report all the way to court."

That's also the protocol at NCPD – officers handle everything related to the incident or crime – from taking notes at the scene, to interviewing witnesses, reporting their findings, and appearing in court.

Larkin has a degree in Criminal Justice from Madonna University. She endured 16 weeks of boot camp-style training at the Wayne County Police Academy designed to have only the toughest recruits graduate.

Being an officer draws upon a range of skills. For Larkin, those are empathy, sympathy and aggression, which are invaluable in certain situations. She also relies on her problem-solving skills and ability to "read people" and relate to them.

Larkin believes being a police officer brings out the best of her personality. "I genuinely like helping people," she said. "When they are done, I like to find that it's been a positive interaction. I try to help



or assist people in getting help by referring them to social services, victim advocacy groups, mental health assistance or government assistance for food and shelter. I direct them in the path they need to go."

She values the feedback she receives from citizens. "They often tell you when you've made an impact on their lives," she said.

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Allen Terrace sets restrictions on visitors

To protect the health of the 100 senior residents who reside at Allen Terrace, the City has closed the independent living facility to the general public. Family members can bring supplies but visits are not recommended since this is a high-risk population for COVID-19.

Commercial deliveries for residents are being accepted.

Director Tracey Emmanuel says extra cleaning and disinfecting procedures are in place. Residents are being advised not to congregate and to practice social distancing.

Meals on Wheels is providing home delivered meals to citizens, but is not holding congregate meals in the dining room. Meals on Wheels urgently needs more volunteers. To apply, please contact Wayne County Senior Services (Desiree Bailey at 734-326-5341 or Jeff Callebs at 734-326-4401).

For general questions or inquiries about Allen Terrace, please contact Tracey at 248-349-8030.



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City Council Member Marilyn Price, a liaison to the Commission, has been involved with NYN for more than 17 years. She noted, "Current and past leaders of NYN are truly dedicated to the health and well-being of Northville's kids."

She believes the shared service format is one of the reasons that it is so successful.

"Combining the resources and talents of people across governmental entities has ensured that greater Northville is using its resources most effectively and capitalizing on the talents of a variety of individuals who are working on behalf of our children."

NYN operates on a shoe-string budget of \$132,000. Its newest initiative is the Youth Action Board (YAB), which consists of 32 kids who will meet monthly at the Community Center.

"The purpose of YAB is to convene a group of youth with an interest in the overall well-being

and success of themselves and their peers who can provide input into the types of programs and services we offer," said Amy Prevo, NYN director. The intent is three-fold: 1) get youth's "voice" into programming; 2) enable YAB members to serve as ambassadors and share information with peers; and 3) teach them leadership skills.

Every YAB meeting will teach leadership skills among other action items. For example, the kids will learn how to run a meeting, conduct a focus group and put together service projects.

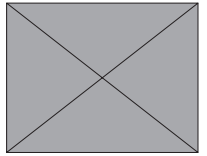
Dealing with mental health issues is another component of NYN. Youth Support Specialist Kerri Ann Sondreal, M.A., accepts referrals from the schools and police. She does an assessment, facilitates referrals to counselors and maintains contact with the kids.

"There's a lot of moving pieces with kids who have more intense problems, such as homelessness and substance abuse," Prevo said. "Kerri Ann looks at the big picture and helps


guide them through their many challenges with support from counselors and other resources in the community."

A new addition is the national program Youth Mental Health First Aid – a training program similar to regular first aid that provides knowledge and strategies that address substance use and mental health issues in youth as an urgent care need. A training workshop will be held in the future at the Community Center to instruct adults who regularly interact with youth (parents, teachers, youth group leaders, coaches, etc.) on the risk factors and warning signs of mental health and substance use problems and how to respond appropriately to support youth experiencing challenges. Space is limited, but contact Amy Prevo at 248.344.1618 or aprevo@twp.northville.mi.us for details.

Prevo notes that "Staying engaged with youth and being able to implement early interventions at all age levels go a long way toward curbing more serious issues down the road."



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Carry-out and deliveries offered by some food and beverage retailers



Great Harvest Bread Co. is on the list (subject to change).

The Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has compiled a list of restaurants offering carry-out and delivery service. View it here: <https://tinyurl.com/u57cq77>.

The City has established three parking spots designated for carry out. They are located on eastbound E. Main east of Center at 120 E. Main (near Brown Dog); westbound E. Main west of Hutton at 157 E. Main (near Poole’s Tavern) and Northbound N. Center south of Dunlap at 150 N. Center (near Tuscan Cafe).

DDA Director Lori Ward stated, “As consumers, please help support our community businesses by continuing to order from the restaurants and/or purchasing a gift card

from any downtown business.” Find out what businesses are open and closed by viewing the DDA’s website (downtownnorthville.com) and social media channels – Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Commission approves garage/porch incentive

At the March 3 Planning Commission meeting, which was a public hearing, a pair of zoning ordinances that impact residential new construction and reconstruction had different outcomes.

The commissioners voted in favor of the draft ordinance for the rear-garage, front porch incentive, which now goes to City Council, but tabled the FAR draft ordinance on a 5-4 vote.

The Floor Area Ratio (FAR) draft ordinance had been in the works for more than one year. It is intended to establish a ratio of home square footage in relation to the lot size with the goal of coordinating the mass of a home with the size of the lot.

Commissioners asked City Planner Sally Elmiger, of Carlisle Wortman Associates, to return to a future meeting with updated average house sizes using recent “new” home information, and propose a multi-tiered application of FAR for various lot sizes.

Master Plan public meetings are cancelled

The Master Plan information sessions scheduled at the Community Center through April 28 have been cancelled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first one was held on Feb. 24 and the video can be viewed on the website - <https://tinyurl.com/tpaee4u>.

The three sub-areas of the Master Plan being reviewed and likely revised are the Racetrack, Cady St./Cady Town, and South Center. These educational sessions, when they resume, provide a solid base of information on key topics to commissioners and the public.

The City may present the meetings in another format, such as a videotaped session with a Question and Answer component. When known, the method of presentation will be reported on the website and in social media.

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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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