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of Northville



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Meetings

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The next two issues of City News, March 14 and 21, will be produced by Evan Milan. Reach out to him with any questions or comments at emilan@ci.northville.mi.us

City offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024 in observance of Good Friday

CANCELED - Downtown Development Authority - Tuesday, March 26, 8 a.m.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (Note location) - Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m., Lower level meeting room, City Hall

Parks & Recreation Commission - Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall

Anyone needing assistance should contact the City Manager's office at 248-449-9905. More information about online meetings and a user guide are available [here](#).

Northvillians and friends,

As we celebrate National Women's month and related history, I will highlight some standout Northville women who have truly made a difference, locally and globally.

Global Women's Month Celebration:

Women's History Month, observed in March since 1987, celebrates women's contributions to history, culture and the needs of society. The theme for 2024 is "Women who advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion."

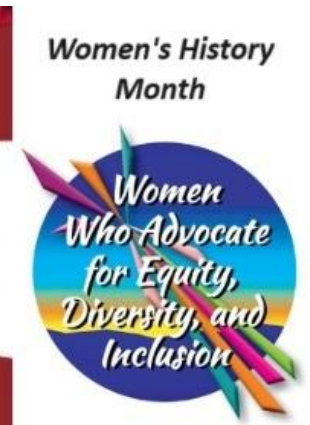
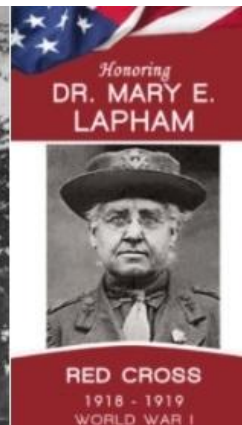
In 1776, future First Lady Abigail Adams sent a note to her husband (soon-to-be President) stating, "Remember the ladies, and be more generous & favorable to them than your ancestors."

Many glass ceilings have been shattered in this country, but progress needs to continue. As Hillary Clinton once said when she accepted the nomination to run for president, "When there are no ceilings, the sky's the limit."

See events and view my entire letter on the [city website](#).

Keep that Northville Women's History Month Faith!

Brian Turnbull
Mayor, Northville



This Just In

March 18 City Council Recap

Topics of discussion included approval to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, a proposed City Hall roofing contract, and a request to reallocate Public Improvement funds for use in ongoing public projects in the city.

Council passed a resolution to submit a grant application to the Michigan DNR; If accepted, those Land and Water Grant funds will be used in the construction of permanent restroom facilities and accessible walkways in Ford Field Park. Council approved a roofing contract with KJP Roofing of Chesterfield, Michigan with a bid of \$138,252.00. The project will include replacing the roof and downspouts of City Hall, as long-term plans for the building are considered. Council unanimously approved a proposal to reallocate Public Improvement funds that were previously budgeted for City Hall building improvements. As City Hall renovations have come in under budget, those funds will be reallocated to help fund public projects including the Ford Field Gateway, Fort Griswold, and accessible restrooms.



Once made available, Meeting Minutes can be found [here](#)

Photo: By [Evan Milan](#)

Tree care maintains vibrant canopy

Planting new trees is an annual endeavor for the City of Northville; the city maintains a zero-loss policy. This spring and summer, the city will plant 50 new trees in public right of ways. Arborist Jim Porterfield advises the DPW on which trees to purchase and plant.

If you're planning on planting trees on your property this season, you can gain tips from several expert sources.

- Davey's blog for homeowners: <https://blog.davey.com>
- DTE has an informative video, "Right tree, right place" <http://tinyurl.com/36envvcd>
- arborday.org. The official website of the Arbor Day Foundation includes tips on tree care, how to purchase trees online and provides an online tree guide. Also visit arborday.org/bulletins.
- Northville Tree Champions (NTC) launched a website that provides valuable

information. <https://www.northvilletreechampions.org/>

Also follow the group on Facebook and Instagram.

New elm tree carving will grace green space behind City Hall & library

In Summer 2024, an elm tree in the city-owned green space succumbed to disease and had to be taken down. NTC spearheaded a project to save a section of the trunk to be transformed into a carving, while also serving as a living relic. The plan to carve the tree and design was accepted by City Council at its March 4 meeting. The artwork was created by **Stacy K. Pearson** and the carving will be done by Tom Fink.

Tree City designation

The City of Northville has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for several sequential years now, validating and celebrating its commitment to effective urban forest management.



Productive Discourse at Coffee with Council

Brain Maiorana, and his staff at 160 Main, extended their outstanding hospitality while hosting Coffee with Council on March 16. Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Moroski-Browne, Councilmember John Carter, and City Manager George Lahanas were joined by 11 residents who discussed topics including street and Mill Pond improvements, the Downs Development, and walkability in the City.

During the discourse, it was noted that the City of Northville will be undergoing 2 to 3 years of sewer and street improvements. There was confirmation that, once the water and sewer line projects are completed, long term street surface solutions will be undertaken. Additionally, there was conversation regarding the temporary placement of the Farmer's Market as it relates to walkability. While the current solution for the Farmer's Market is not ideal, its location is not permanent and the future home of the Market will place walkability as a priority.



Upcoming sessions

Thursday, April 18, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Browndog, 120 E. Main St.
Council Members John Carter and Laura Gennitti.

May 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Toria, 115 E. Main
Council Member Andrew Krenz and Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Moroski-Browne

Photo: By [Evan Milan](#)

Things to do



THE SQUIRRELS

by Robert Askins

MICHIGAN PREMIERE

An Opportunity for the Northville Community to Enjoy an Evening Together!

Northville Tree Champions is hosting a fundraiser event at Tipping Point Theatre featuring the entertaining show, **"The Squirrels."**

(This show is for mature audiences)

When: Saturday April 13th. (opening night)

Tickets: \$75

\$20 of ticket sales will support the Tree Champions' 501(c)3 and is eligible as a tax deduction.

Those interested can email northvilletreechampions@gmail.com with how many tickets they would like.

When the tickets are released, we will make arrangements for payment which can be made **by check, cash or Zelle.**

Season ticket holders for Tipping Point Theatre can donate **separately from their season tickets.** Checks can be sent to:

Northville Tree Champions
200 S. Wing St. P.O. Box 141
Northville, MI 48167

Those attending can also donate separately at the event.

However, we cannot accept credit card payments at the event

Some Things are Just Better the Old-Fashioned Way.

**Learn all about
making maple syrup!**

Enjoy a tractor drawn ride to the Sugar Bush & walk in to experience tree tapping & sap collecting. Then ride to the Sugar Shack to learn how the sap is converted into delicious maple syrup!

Tours leave every 30 minutes starting at noon with the last tour at 4pm

This is a WALKING TOUR - please dress appropriately - the woods are often wet & snowy



Weekends, March 2 - 30

\$11 per person (children under 2 are FREE!)

Reservations are encouraged, but are REQUIRED for groups of 15 or more - call 248-374-0200 / option 2



50165 8 Mile Rd., Northville MI 48168, 248-374-0200/option 2, mayburyfarm.org/events

Doing Business

How to obtain a parking permit for 2024

Residents can apply for a 2024 parking permit by e-mail, in person, or by drop box. Parking permits are required if you park a vehicle on the street or in a lot overnight since parking at those locations is prohibited between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Households with multiple vehicles that require one to be parked on a regular basis on the street would need a parking permit.

The application for the 2024 parking permit is on the [website](#). You can submit your completed application in person or by using the drop box (at the Police Department entrance) in an envelope marked: Parking Permit. You can include payment by check or money order – no cash – or you can pay in person by cash, check or credit card (3% credit card processing fee) when you pick up the permit. The cost is \$10 per month or \$120 per year. Residents will be contacted when parking stickers are ready for pickup.

For questions about parking permits, call 248-305-2715 during regular business hours.

Tax & Assessing data lookup

You may access tax and assessing data from the [city website](#). If you have any questions, call the Tax and Assessing office at 248-449-9901.

Sign up for automatic utility bill payment or e-bills

Utility bill customers may sign up to receive email bills or arrange for automatic payment by completing the [online form](#). E-bills are emailed on the billing date with a full-page bill attached as a PDF. Payments can be made by ACH, which is an electronic transaction agreed to by the customer that allows the city's bank to withdraw the amount due from the customer's bank account. For questions, call 248-449-9901.

Around Town

Keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice

Property owners (residents and businesses) must clear sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow or ice event. When clearing snow, do not blow or shovel snow into any roadway. The DPW only clears sidewalks that are on city-owned or operated properties, such as those at City Hall, the Fire Station and cemeteries. Prompt removal of snow reduces the need for salt. That means less salt travels to storm drains, which discharge into the Middle Rouge River.

Report water main breaks

Each year the City of Northville has between 10 and 20 water main breaks. If you see water bubbling out of the ground on City property, contact the Public Works Department at 248-449-9930 or 248-349-1234 after hours and report the location. The sooner the leak is identified and reported, the quicker it can be repaired, reducing the chances of contamination entering the water system and minimizing the cost for lost water.

Help stop illegal use of fire hydrants

The city's fire hydrants can be accessed by the Fire Dept., the Police Dept., and the Dept. of Public Works (DPW). Any other use of the fire hydrant, without a permit, is illegal per city ordinance.

Fire hydrants used illegally could become damaged or freeze, causing the fire hydrant to be inoperable during an emergency. Water theft and fire hydrant repairs due to misuse are an added expense to the city's water system and could increase water rates to all customers. If you witness illegal fire hydrant use or any questionable water use, please call Police/Fire at 248-349-1234 or DPW at 248-449-9930. When calling, please provide any available information such as: vehicle make/model, license plate number, and/or company name.

Construction companies or contractors that need a high volume of water for their work may obtain a permit to use a fire hydrant, from April 1 through June 1, and from Sept. 1 through Nov. 1. If there is a special need to connect to a fire hydrant, please contact the DPW at 248-449-9930.

At Home

Tree permits required

Prior to cutting down any tree with a diameter of more than six inches, you must make an application with the city, which will then determine whether a permit is required. Contact the Building Dept. by phone: 248-449-9902 or [email](#). This ordinance is strongly enforced and there

Dispose of hazardous waste year-round

City residents can dispose of hazardous waste at no cost by dropping it off weekdays at Environmental Recycling Group (ERG) at 13040 Merriman, Ste. 200, in Livonia. Visit the [website](#) to see the company's COVID-19 safety instructions and find out what waste items are accepted. To help the city contain costs for this program, consider taking a neighbor's hazardous waste as well as your own to reach the 100 lb. limit. Any amount over 100 lbs. will be charged to the customer at 75¢ per pound. For more information, please visit [ERG's website](#) or call 734.437.9650.

Dual outdoor meter saves on sewer cost

Residents may purchase a second meter to be used strictly for outside watering and pay a lower sewer rate. The water charges are the same as for indoor use, but the dual sewer rate is \$4.78 instead of \$8.85 (rate per 1,000 gallons). Calculate your potential savings by reviewing your water bill. To install a dual meter, you will need to sign a Dual Meter Agreement (download from the website or obtain from City Hall) and have it notarized. It is also signed by the city. The customer pays \$520 to the city for the new meter, plumbing permit and inspection costs. See the city website for detailed instructions and contact information.

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