

**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

# Northville

## T O D A Y

*Inside*

**Exciting  
Transformations**

**E-Bike Rules**

**Canine Comfort**

2026 - First Quarter

# Experienced | Trustworthy | Compassionate



Morello Law Group, P.C. is a full service law firm representing clients throughout Southeastern Michigan. We take great pride in our organized, proactive approach to providing top quality legal and professional services to our clients. Morello Law Group attorneys take a team approach to providing legal services to clients. The firm's team approach allows each client to have his or her legal affairs handled by an experienced attorney of the firm. This approach provides clients with the highest level of service in the most efficient manner. Morello Law Group has 10 attorneys and over 20 paraprofessionals on staff to assist you. We welcome the opportunity to assist you with your legal needs.

## MORELLO LAW GROUP P.C.

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

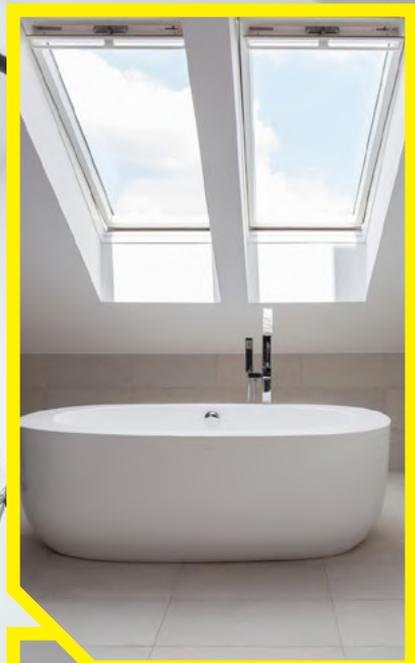
ESTATE PLANNING | TRUST ADMINISTRATION | BUSINESS | PROBATE | GUARDIANSHIP  
REAL ESTATE | LITIGATION | MEDICAID | VETERAN'S BENEFITS | ELDER LAW | FIDUCIARY SERVICES

1800 BIDDLE AVENUE • WYANDOTTE, MI • 734-281-6464  
41000 7 MILE ROAD, SUITE 200 NORTHVILLE, MI • 248-347-2950

[WWW.MORELLOLAWGROUP.COM](http://WWW.MORELLOLAWGROUP.COM)



**The  
No Leak  
Skylight**  
No Leak Promise  
No Worries



# Michigan Skylight Pros

SIGNATURE SKYLIGHT SPECIALIST

NEW INSTALLATIONS | REPAIRS | REPLACEMENTS

**BUY NOW  
PAY LATER**  
buy now, pay later based upon 12 months, no interest,  
no payments with approved credit



Signature Skylight Specialist  
•Skylights •Sun Tunnels •Roof Windows

Schedule a no obligation  
consultation with a trusted  
Velux Pro!

**248-987-6305**

Scan to  
schedule  
online



MichiganSkylightPros.com | 31205 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills 48336

Offers cannot be combined. Buy now pay later program is based upon 12 months, no interest, no payments, with approved credit. offer expires 6/30/26



# Inside Northville T O D A Y

- 6** **Mayor's History Corner**
- 12** **Northville District Library**  
Seeking feedback on future enhancements
- 14** **Maintaining Main**  
Infrastructure, technology upgrades focus on sense of connection
- 20** **Parks and Recreation Upgrades**  
Will Transform Community for Ages to Come
- 24** **Spotlight:**  
The world of Northville's Paul Karatsinides
- 26** **Stay Informed, Ride Safely**  
Township police outline e-bike rules
- 30** **Township and City Firefighters**  
Train for Ice Rescues
- 32** **'Paws-itive' Changes**  
Schools welcomes four full-time therapy dogs to district
- 33** **Sports:**  
Northville boys swim team details what makes them successful
- 34** **Enjoy Spring at Maybury Farm**
- 35** **Journey 'Into the Woods'**  
with Northville High School Theatre!



**36** **Chamber:**  
Exciting Things Are Happening!

**38** **Around Northville**



**Community Publishing & Marketing**  
26955 Northline Road | Taylor, MI 48180  
(734) 247-8000

**Publisher** Paul Martin  
**President** Mark Fisher  
**Editor** Angela Calabrese  
**Director of Business Development** Gina Guarisco

**Creative Director** Kelly Nykanen  
**Graphic Designer** Shannon Esper  
**Editorial Assistant** Kelsi Klein  
**Sales Coordinator** Ashley Hamilton  
**Marketing Coordinator** Aylaina Thornton

**Contributing Writers** Lisa Howard, Terry Jacoby, Kelsi Klein, Ryan M. Place, Brian Turnbull, Tracy Willis

**Contributing Photographers** Terry Jacoby

**Cover Photo** Courtesy of Northville Parks and Recreation

*NORTHVILLE TODAY is a product of Community Publishing & Marketing for the residents and businesses of Northville. Community Publishing & Marketing cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information presented within these pages or be held accountable for omissions or errors. Please report any changes to [info@communitypublishing.com](mailto:info@communitypublishing.com) for inclusion in subsequent editions.*



Scan for digital publication

To advertise in the next issue call Mark Fisher at (313) 218-7117 or email [mfisher@communitypublishing.com](mailto:mfisher@communitypublishing.com)

# From the SUPERVISOR

## The Collaboration Behind a Simple Walk

**W**HEN you step onto the trails at Legacy Park off Seven Mile Road, you'll experience something that feels simple yet serene. A walk in the woods is special here.

What you may not see is the extraordinary amount of collaboration, care and planning that made that moment possible.

Legacy Park's 350 acres tell a powerful story of transformation. Once home to a former state psychiatric hospital, the property required vision and commitment from the very start. We acquired the land, removed decaying buildings, restored the landscape and thoughtfully developed a 16-mile trail system designed to welcome residents while preserving the site's natural beauty.

Behind the scenes, this park has become a masterclass in teamwork. Volunteers regularly walk or bike the trails, clearing fallen branches and leaves to keep paths safe and accessible. The Northville Parks and Recreation team collaborated with Northville Township Police and Fire to learn the terrain in detail, mapping access points, planning emergency routes and ensuring that help can reach visitors quickly if needed. That effort includes the expertise of drone pilots and a GIS specialist who help us see the park from every angle.

Our Department of Public Works plays a critical role as well, stepping in to clear snow, remove debris, manage overgrowth and carve out roads.

Legacy Park is a reminder that a "simple" walk in the park is anything but simple. It is the result of dedication from staff, volunteers and partners who believe in creating spaces that bring people together. I hope you enjoy Legacy Park and feel pride knowing how many hands helped make it yours.

Mark J. Abbo  
Supervisor, Northville Township



# SkinCenter

DERMATOLOGY BY DR. KARTONO  
MEDICAL • SURGICAL • COSMETIC

### Healthy Skin is in at MI Skin Center!

Our board-certified dermatologist Dr. Francisca Kartono, and a team of highly skilled providers offer top of the line cosmetic and medical treatments for your skin needs.

### Spring Into Skin Health at MI Skin Center

A new season is the perfect time to refocus on your skin health -- from understanding insurance benefits to planning preventative care for the months ahead.

#### Understanding Insurance in the New Year

Many plans reset in January, meaning deductibles restarted and copays may have changed. A deductible is what you pay out of pocket before insurance applies, while a copay is a set amount due at your visit. Our team is happy to help answer coverage questions so you can plan your care with confidence.

#### Easy Online Appointment Requests

Request appointments online anytime at [miskincenter.com](http://miskincenter.com) -- convenient, simple, and designed to fit your schedule.

#### MI Skin Club Annual Membership

Enjoy year-round skin care with exclusive perks, savings, and priority access through our MI Skin Club. Ready to join? Call, visit, or purchase your membership directly on our website.

#### Save the Dates

##### Office Anniversary Event

April 16th | 6:00pm

An evening of skincare conversation with our providers, special event pricing, and live demos.

##### FREE Skin Cancer Screening Event

May 14th | 4:00-6:00pm

Ideal for those without insurance or whose insurance is not accepted at our office

Follow us on social media or visit [www.miskincenter.com](http://www.miskincenter.com) closer to each event for **RSVP** details.

#### Experience the MI Skin Center Difference

Compassionate care. Trusted expertise. Personalized skin care for every age, every tone, and every season of life.

#### Ready to Schedule With Us?

Healthy skin is always in season. Whether you're interested in medical dermatology, cosmetic treatments, or aesthetic services, our team is here to help you feel your most confident.

248-963-5915 | [info@drkartono.com](mailto:info@drkartono.com)  
[drkartono.com/schedule-an-appointment](http://drkartono.com/schedule-an-appointment)



Dr. Francisca Kartono,  
DO, FAAD, FAOCD  
Board Certified  
Dermatologist



CHECK OUT THIS YEAR'S WINNERS  
FOR THE COMMUNITY'S CHOICE AWARDS

Dermatologist



WINNER

Francisca Kartono, DO, FAOCD,  
FAAD MI Skin Center

133 W Main Street, Suite 251  
Northville, MI 48167

# Hamlet in The Hills

Come out and enjoy Northville's many green spaces this spring and summer

By Mayor Brian Turnbull

**G**REEN spaces to recreate are embedded in our Northville DNA, including over 750 acres of Parks and Recreation land, 950 acres at Maybury State Park and the linear Cass Benton Park on Hines Drive.

## Place Making areas in the Ville

**River Park** – Our newest park, opening in June (River Street/Seven Mile – 10 acres)

- Creek and Rouge River on premises
- Miles of pathways and step-down areas to rivers
- Two 50 ft. by 10 ft. pedestrian bridges crossing the river with artfully built abutments
- Historic log cabin (welcoming center)
- First of five riverwalk sections creating a pathway system through town



**Ford Field** (6 acres)

- Rejuvenation of Ford Field is underway, featuring a beautiful ADA entryway, overlook sunrise vista with revised fencing, a waterfall, new playscape and permanent restrooms.



**Ford Field East** (4.5 acres)

- Ford Motor Co. donation to city (waterfall, waterwheel and pond)
- SEMCOG grant of \$1.2M assisting in renovation.

**Mill Race Village** (12.5 acres, including pond)

- The Mill Race Village is an outstanding area to absorb local history.

**Central Park** –

Between Cady and Beal St. (2 acres)

- Opening Late summer – three-tiered park activated by Parks and Rec.



**Farmers Market Area** (5 acres) – Trailhead (Seven Mile/ River St.)

- The “Community Market” is connected to Hines Park's trails and has hosted the Chamber's Farmers Market, drive-in movies, 5K charity fun runs and monthly car shows

## Other Parks (4 acres)

### Pocket Parks

- Cabbagetown Park (723 Carpenter Ave.)
- Maplewood Park (201 Maplewood St.)
- Old Village School (405 W. Main St.)
- Joe Denton Park (Seven Mile and Eaton Dr.)

### Town Square (1 acre)

- Community Band shell and placemaking area

### Marv Gans Community Park

 – 15801 Beck Rd. (119 acres)

- Community Dog Park @ Marv Gans Park added in 2021

### Millennium Park

 – 45769 Six Mile Rd. (34 acres)

- Unity Skatepark @ Millennium Park – This park opened in 2023 @ Millennium Park

### Cady Street Dog Park

 – 215 W. Cady St. (1 acre)

- Popular community asset

### Fish Hatchery Park

 – 45801 Seven Mile on the Johnson

Creek (17 acres)

- Grounds with a historic past (First National Fish Hatchery site)

### Coldwater Springs Nature Area

 – Ridge Road (128 acres)

- Nature trail and boardwalk system run along the “Holy Waters” of Johnson Creek.

### Henningsen Park

 – 41600 Six Mile (3 acres)

- Playground area and walking trails abound in this serene escape for nature lovers

**Sheldon Road Park** – On Sheldon between Five and Six Mile (4 acres)

- Play structure and benches featured next to walking path

### Thayer's Corner Nature Area

 – 8250 Napier Rd. (57 acres)

- 100 community gardens, a restored 1850's barn, a historic school and more

### Veteran's Memorial Park @ Waterford Woods

 (16 acres)

- Township's memorial to war veterans – once part of the historic Waterford community

### Legacy Park

 – Seven Mile (350 acres)

- Trails and community recreational opportunities are being developed and activated

Henry and Clara Ford relaxed here in Northville starting in the 1880s, Joe Louis jogged the trails of Hines Drive, Mr. Maybury plotted the pathways around what is now the state park, and the Fish Hatchery Park was laid out in the 1800s. Northville has the open spaces and waterways to enjoy the greenery of life. I encourage you to experience these beautiful placemaking areas in the Ville known historically as the “Hamlet in the Hills” or “Switzerland of Wayne County.”



# 109<sup>th</sup> McGLINCH Home Improvements EST. 1917 **SONS Co.**

## ANNIVERSARY SALE

Specializing in all aspects of exterior construction.

Satisfying Metro Detroit Homeowners since 1917

 **James Hardie**  
**SIDING**

**VELUX**

**SKYLIGHTS**

 **GAF**

**ROOFING**

**LEAF PROTECTION & GUTTERS**



**DOORS & DOORWALLS**



**WINDOWS**

**STONE & BRICK**

ELDORADO STONE

Visit our New Showroom for an additional **\$500 OFF**  
Some restrictions apply.\*

**THE BEST WARRANTIES IN THE BUSINESS**

**25 YEARS ON LABOR**

**LIFETIME ON MATERIAL**

**CERTIFIED INSTALLER**  
for all the premier manufacturers



TAKE UP TO **\$2500 OFF**  
James Hardie Siding\*

TAKE UP TO **\$1500 OFF**  
Pella Windows\*

**18 Months**  
Deferred Interest

TAKE UP TO **\$1000 OFF**  
Roofing\*



Five Generations of Trust & Service

- LICENSED
- BONDED
- INSURED



**McGLINCH Home Improvements**  EST. 1917 **SONS Co.**

**248.987.6300 | mcglinchsons.com**  
29565 Grand River Ave. Farmington Hills, 48336

Valid on initial consultations only. Some restrictions apply. Must present ad. Expires 6/30/26 

# Let Us Serve You

## L.J. Griffin Funeral Home expands legacy of care with banquet facility

By Terry Jacoby

**S**INCE opening its doors in 1954, L.J. Griffin Funeral Home has grown into one of Michigan's largest and most respected family-owned funeral firms. While decades have brought many changes, one principle has remained constant – a deep commitment to compassionate, professional care and guiding families through life's most difficult moments.

"We have been serving families for over 75 years," said David Griffin, longtime president of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. "Even before COVID, our vision for the Northville location was to create a space where families could hold services and gather for a luncheon or dinner all in one place. We wanted to remove the stress of coordinating multiple venues during an already emotional time."

The pandemic temporarily slowed those plans, but the mission to ease burdens for grieving families never wavered. Last year the project was revived, with renewed focus on creating a welcoming, thoughtful environment.

"We really wanted to do it right," Griffin explained. "Bringing in Beth Larabee was an important step. She understood our vision, helped coordinate caterers and played a key role in designing a layout that truly works for families."

Located at 19091 Northville Road, the newly completed banquet space accommodates up to 100 guests, offering families a comfortable setting to gather, share memories and support one another. A large television monitor allows for personalized memorial slideshows and home videos, creating meaningful and unique tributes that celebrate each life story.

"When we meet with families, we are sharing in their grief," said Larabee, one of the funeral home's dedicated counselors. "Our goal is to take as much off their plate as possible so they can focus on healing. Food has a way of bringing people together – it's comforting and familiar – and this space allows families to continue celebrating their loved one in a warm, supportive environment. Our caterers

provide exceptional quality with a wide variety of options."

True to its reputation for full-service care, L.J. Griffin Funeral Home manages every detail of the reception experience – from ordering and setup to hosting and cleanup. Families can choose from a range of catering selections,



including breakfast pastries and fresh fruit, light gourmet fare featuring meats, cheeses and salads, or full-course entrees designed to suit diverse tastes and preferences.

For Griffin, the banquet hall represents more than an addition to the facility – it reflects the funeral home's ongoing mission.

"We're very proud of what we've created here," he said. "Whether families gather before or after services, our goal is to provide a space where memories can be shared, stories can be told and loved ones can find comfort in one another."

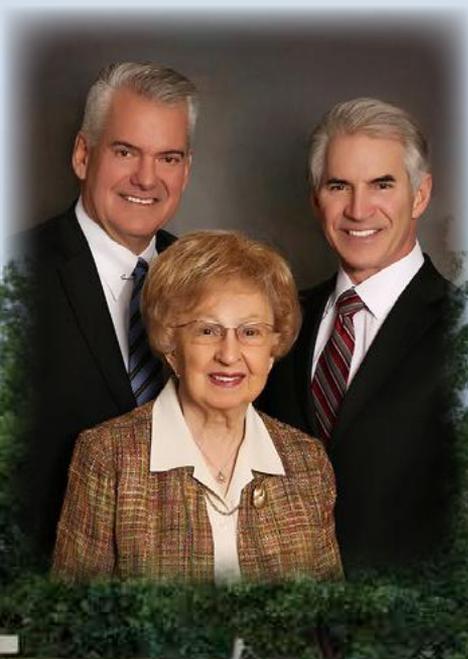
To learn more, visit [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com) or call (248) 348-1233.



L.J. **GRIFFIN**

FUNERAL HOME

*Northrop - Sassaman Chapel*



L.J. **GRIFFIN**  
FUNERAL HOME  
*Northrop - Sassaman Chapel*

**BANQUET FACILITY  
AVAILABLE ONSITE**

# Make Your Outside Space Your Favorite Place

Custom Decks by MGE Carpentry provides personalized solutions By Terry Jacoby

**CUSTOMDECKS.COM** by MGE Carpentry started in the '90s, and have built not only hundreds of decks but a reputation for excellence and the highest quality in process, materials and results.

Over the many years they created a signature tagline that they have built their business model on – “make your outside space your favorite place.” And they have the accreditations, certifications, experience, skill and passion to do exactly that.

“Ultimately, success is defined by your clients’ satisfaction,” said owner Tony Moretti. “We have a reputation for building a quality deck at a competitive price that creates an enjoyable outdoor space. We don’t take that reputation for granted, and continually work to maintain that reputation and generate a level of trust with our clients. We are always looking for ways to improve our process.”

That process began in 1995, when founder Mike Esper turned his vision into reality and founded MGE Carpentry. Armed with skill, ambition and a dedication to quality, Esper began building decks that would last for decades.

In 2000, CustomDecks.com went live, and for over 25 years it has become synonymous with trust, craftsmanship and innovative outdoor spaces.

In 1996, the decking industry saw a revolution when Trex, LLC introduced composite decking, a durable, low-maintenance alternative to wood that quickly changed the game.

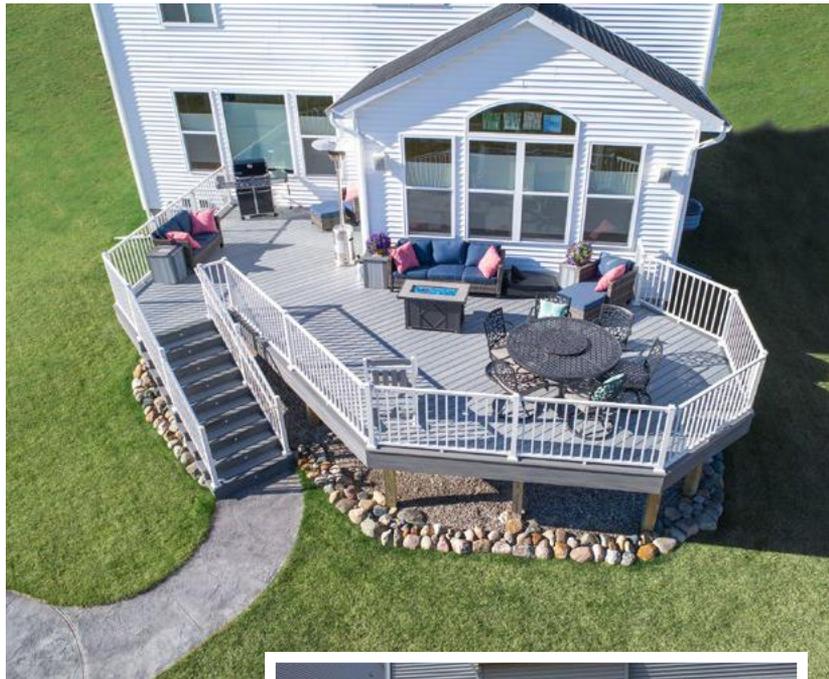
“From day one we embraced this innovation and began working with Trex products, recognizing their potential to transform outdoor spaces,” said Moretti, who joined one of Esper’s building crews in 2001 after being laid off from the automotive/tech field.

Oddly enough this was supposed to be a temporary gig until he found a “real job” again.

“I worked my way through building decks, to coming inside to handle all the daily internal operations, and 25 years later I’m owner of the company,” he said. “Most of our crew leaders have been with us for 20-plus years, and one of the crew leaders has been around since day one.”

And what they create is unique.

“We don’t have a standard cookie-cutter catalog of decks to choose from,” said Moretti, 55, a native of Detroit. “Each deck is custom designed for the size and shape of your home while considering traffic flow, visibility and your lifestyle, whether that be a cozy spot to enjoy your morning coffee or a large open area for entertaining.”



Based in Commerce Twp., Custom Decks is BBB A+ accredited and a fully certified TrexPro® Platinum Installer, the highest level of recognition available for an independent contractor.

They offer easy financing options, including a 24-month no-interest plan, and service Western Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties.

Whether customers prefer the timeless appeal of wood, the low-maintenance durability of composite materials or the sophisticated elegance of custom designs, CustomDecks.com offers the perfect solution to complement their home and landscape.

“The main thing we expect from ourselves is integrity and respect,” Moretti said. “Our expert team works closely with the customer to bring their vision to life, ensuring every detail reflects their style and needs.”

“Let us show you why so many families choose CustomDecks.com to make their outdoor space their favorite place.”

For more information, visit [customdecks.com](http://customdecks.com) or call (248) 800-3277.



**customdecks.com**

*Make your outside space your favorite place.*

# customdecks.com

*Get great Winter pricing now and be ready for great times in the Spring.*



- ✓ **No staining**
- ✓ **No sealing**
- ✓ **No worries**



**SCAN ME  
FOR A FREE  
ESTIMATE**



**24** ~~18~~ **month**  
**0% Financing**  
**Available!**  
No payments until your  
project is finished.

*Trex decking proudly  
made in the USA* 

# 248.800.3277

*MGE Carpentry - 8234 Cooley Lake Rd - Commerce Township*

# Here's What's Happening AT YOUR LIBRARY

**T**HIS spring, Northville District Library is conducting a community-wide survey online to gather feedback on what district residents want from the NDL as we plan for the future. Building on our recent community forum presentations held in October and November 2025, we are seeking your input on the facility options currently under consideration by the NDL Board of Trustees:

- Maintaining our current space
- Expanding the building
- Opening a branch
- Relocating

Your voice is essential to this process, as no formal decisions have been made. Please visit our website: <https://nvillelib.org/SpringSurvey2026>, or scan the QR code to take the survey and check back for project updates. Paper copies of the survey will also be made available at the NDL.



## Upcoming events

- **Book Clubs for Adults at NDL** – Registration recommended or required (check the Book Club for more details).
- **Between the Lines**, monthly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., at NDL.
- **Books & Brews**, monthly on Tuesdays at Browndog Barlor, at 7 p.m., for ages 21+.
- **The Next Chapter**, monthly on Wednesdays at the Northville Community Center, at 11 a.m., for ages 55+.
- **From Page to Palette**, bimonthly on Wednesdays at the Northville Art House at 6:30 p.m.
- If you've ever had questions about your mobile devices, laptops or computers, **NDL's TechXpert Appointments** provide one-on-one assistance. Ask basic questions about your digital photos, email, internet, Microsoft Office, Google Drive, and the library's eBooks and eAudiobooks. Note: General questions regarding tech are welcome but we cannot repair or configure hardware or software. Check NDL's event calendar on our website or give us a call to sign up for one of the available weekly appointments.
- **Hall of Fame DNA: The Legacy of Norman 'Turkey' Stearnes** – Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. Register. According to updated MLB statistics and five Hall of Fame inductions, Norman "Turkey" Stearnes is one of the all-time greats, yet many people have never heard his name. In her book, "Hall of Fame DNA: The Legacy of Norman "Turkey" Stearnes", Vanessa Ivy Rose gives the play-by-play to inform and inspire audiences about her grandfather's greatness (both on and off the field). Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.



NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

### NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

212 W. Cady Street, Northville, MI 48167  
[www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org) (248) 349-3020

email us: [nortref@northvillelibrary.org](mailto:nortref@northvillelibrary.org)

Mon – Thurs: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Fri & Sat: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sun: 1-5 p.m.

- **Northville Psychiatric Hospital and Hawthorn Center with Joe Oldenburg** – Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. Register. At Northville Township Hall  
Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Register. At Northville District Library



By the early 1900s, there were 16 mental hospitals throughout the state. By mid-century, overcrowding at state hospitals in the Metro Detroit area led to the need for a new facility, and Northville Psychiatric Hospital opened in 1948. The hospital became a leader in several areas of treatment before its closing in 2003. In collaboration with the Northville Township Historic District Commission.

- **Understanding the Holocaust with Zekelman Holocaust Center** – Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. Register. Using artifacts and victim/survivor perspectives, we will discuss the decade-long, government-sponsored campaign that facilitated an escalation of hate, from biased attitudes to bias-motivated violence during the Holocaust.
- **Free Comic Book Day** – Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Drop in, while supplies last. Join us for a day completely devoted to free comic books for all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library.
- **Down on the Farm** – Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Drop in. All ages. Carousel Acres will be bringing its mobile petting farm to the park behind the library. You'll be able to see a miniature horse and donkey, goats, sheep, an alpaca, a calf, and more.

Please check our event calendar for registration information and to sign up to attend upcoming events and programs. Registration opens about a month in advance for most library programs.

PROFESSIONAL  
Kitchen & Bath  
DESIGNERS



CHELSEA  
LUMBER  
CO.

CHESEALUMBER.COM

COME VISIT OUR NEW  
KITCHEN & BATH SHOWROOMS

1 OLD BARN CIRCLE  
CHELSEA, MI

600 E MICHIGAN AVE  
SALINE, MI

Your Beautiful Smile  
Begins Here!



ASK ABOUT  
OUR IN-OFFICE  
DENTAL DISCOUNT  
PLAN FOR  
PATIENTS WITHOUT  
INSURANCE



Plymouth  
Dental  
Associates

Dr. Steven Olds  
Dr. Ed VanEsley  
Dr. Margaret Stanhouse  
Dr. Megan Width

*Committed to serving the  
community since 1963*

Your Full Service  
Dentistry with  
Board Certified  
Specialists onsite  
in Periodontics and  
Oral Surgery.

**734-420-2326**  
42801 Schoolcraft Rd  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
plymouthdental.com

*We strive for everyday excellence... making sure  
our patients know they are part of our "Family"*

# Maintaining Main

Downtown Northville’s improvements will offer upgraded infrastructure, technology and a valuable sense of connection By Terry Jacoby

**W**HILE all the renovation, rebuilding and renewing of Northville is a work in progress, the comprehensive enhancement of Downtown Northville’s Main Street is all about “MAINTaining Main.”

“This is a refresh of our heavily used primary downtown public space, which was built 20 years ago, when Town Square removed a street, some parking spaces and relocated a gazebo,” said Northville Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Kate Knight. “The DDA’s investment at the time has paid dividends, as Downtown Northville hosted more than 485,000 visitors in 2025 in Town Square.”

The Maintaining Main project will improve sidewalks and roadways, refresh public spaces and upgrade streetscape features such as the clock tower and fountain, all while preserving the historic character that makes Downtown Northville special.

These improvements will enhance safety, accessibility and aesthetics while supporting local businesses and long-term economic vitality. The project ensures Main Street will remain welcoming, walkable and resilient for decades to come.

The upgrades will be completed prior to the 2027-2028 construction of the Cady Street Connection, which will link historic downtown with The Downs, from Town Square to Cady Street.

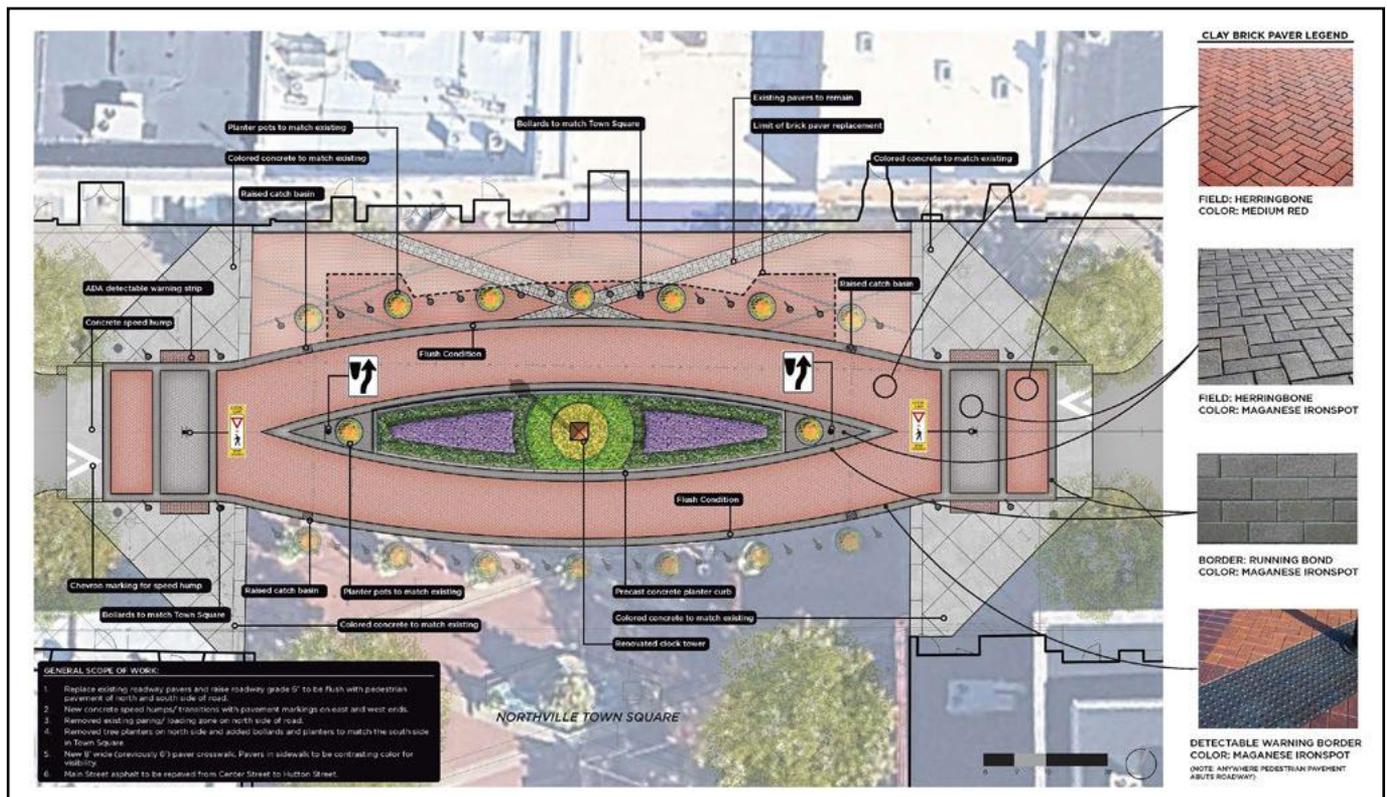
Construction, slated to begin in May 2026 and predicted to take place over nine weeks, will cause minimal disruptions. There will remain ample parking behind shops, and robust detour signage with pedestrian routes maintained throughout construction.

Maintaining Main isn’t the only work being done in the city of Northville. The City is completing the Gateway Overlook on Hutton Street and the Ford Field playground in spring 2026, and constructing public restrooms in Ford Field in fall 2026. Also, Cady Street Connection is planned for late 2027, into 2028.

Maintaining Main includes a complete reconstruction of the fountain, featuring gorgeous container plantings each season; a beautiful fire feature, which will serve as a beacon for residents and visitors year-round; and new lighting and audio-visual technology that will support the level of programming offered during the year.

“We partner with sponsors to host dozens of events annually, with a very full summer at Town Square, including Tunes on Tuesday for littles, dance instruction with Dancing in the ‘Ville on Wednesdays, Jazz Thursdays, and more bands Friday and Saturday,” Knight said. “We can’t control weather or perfect construction timing, so we’re balancing an assertive capital project plan with our beloved summer programs.”

Signature downtown events will continue as planned in



2026. Event layouts and locations may be adjusted to accommodate construction, and updates will be shared in advance to ensure residents and visitors can continue to enjoy downtown programming.

The Maintaining Main project is funded through dedicated infrastructure funding from the Northville Downtown Development Association's budget. Knight said the project is just under \$1 million and will be completed before they begin the Cady Street Connection in late 2027. The DDA won a \$686,000 TAP grant for the Cady Street Connection. The DDA and City will fund the balance.

"The Cady Connection will link historic downtown Northville from Town Square to Cady Street, where The Downs is developing as we

speak," Knight said. "Overall, improvements with The Downs development total more than \$350 million in investment and this includes two new parks, featuring River Park, with the newly daylighted Rouge River tributary that ran under the racetrack for decades."

"The Cady Connection will link historic Downtown Northville from Town Square to Cady Street, where The Downs is developing as we speak," Knight said. "Overall, improvements with The Downs development total more than \$350 million in investment and this includes two new parks, featuring River Park, with the newly daylighted Rouge River tributary that ran under the racetrack for decades."

Residents and visitors will have new, open access via this greenway

into downtown, connecting to the new Northville Farmers Market and into the Hines Park trail system.

"A series of grants has filled the gap connecting Downtown Northville into the region by trail," she said. "It will be possible to bike from the Joe Louis Greenway on the Detroit Riverfront to Downtown Northville in the next few years. Careful planning has allowed us to maximize public and private partnership to build value for southeast Michigan in our community."

Project updates, timelines, maps, and announcements will be posted on the Downtown Development Authority website and shared through newsletters and social media channels as needed. Please visit [www.downtownnorthville.com](http://www.downtownnorthville.com).

## Building Businesses. Growing Communities.

Looking to grow your business? As a local commercial lender we're business banking experts.

With over 65 years of combined experience, Ingrid and Darren are committed to seeing your business thrive.



Darren R. LaLonde Ingrid Runnion



Customer Focused, Community Based

248.387.6083

[hvsb.com](http://hvsb.com)



*Expertise, Experience & Results*

**MAKE THE  
RIGHT MOVE**

*With Amy*

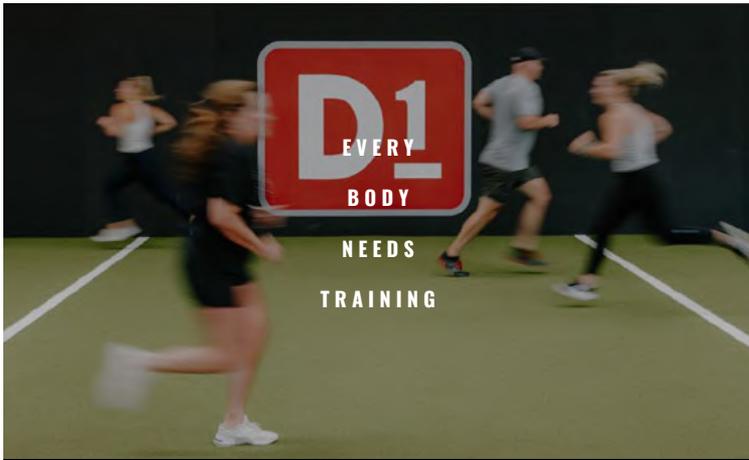
*Support Local!*

**LIST FOR 2%**  
Listing Side Commission

**Sun Wave Realty**  
**For Sale**  
**Amy Wagner**  
Broker  
**734.748.8131**

39111 W. Six Mile Livonia, MI 48152

Sun Wave Realty | 39111 W Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152  
248amy@gmail.com | 734.748.8131



**EVERY  
BODY**  
NEEDS  
TRAINING



**YOUTH ATHLETE NEEDING  
SPEED & AGILITY**

**Q:** Want to blow past defenders and dominate every drill?

**A:** D1 Training builds explosive speed, next-level agility, and unshakable confidence that shows on game day.



**HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE  
CONSIDERING COLLEGE  
RECRUITMENT**

**Q:** Grinding to stand out and get on a scout's radar?

**A:** D1 Training delivers elite-level performance training that helps you rise above the competition and get noticed.



**ADULT ATHLETE WANTING  
A FITNESS COMEBACK**

**Q:** Miss feeling like an athlete—strong, fast, unstoppable?

**A:** D1 Training reignites your inner athlete with high-performance workouts designed for real, visible results.



Ready to join today?  
Contact us for  
Founders Rate!

**248-773-4407** or  
 **D1Training.com/Novi**



You inspire the care  
we deliver.

At Trinity Health Oakland Hospital, we see more than a condition – we see you. Whether it's innovative heart, stroke or cancer care, personalized women's health or minimally invasive surgery, our experts use the latest technology to help you get back to what you love.



**It's different here. Watch Now.**  
[TrinityHealthMi.org/Oakland](https://TrinityHealthMi.org/Oakland)



We See All of You™



Michigan Landscape  
Design Services

LANDSCAPE DESIGN • CONSULTATION • INSTALLATION



238 S. MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170  
Jeremy@mlds-landscape.com | 734.564.7149  
[www.michiganlandscapedesignservices.com](http://www.michiganlandscapedesignservices.com)



YOUR LOVE,  
*your way*



**ORIN**  
JEWELERS

**DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE**

101 EAST MAIN STREET AT CENTER

CALL OR TEXT: 248.349.6940

[ORINJEWELERS.COM](http://ORINJEWELERS.COM)

**CUSTOM AND CURATED DESIGNS. ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDING BANDS,  
AND MEANINGFUL UPGRADES FOR LIFE'S MILESTONES.**

# PRESS PLAY ON SUMMER



Summer camp is where confidence grows, friendships form and independence begins to take shape. At Northville Parks & Recreation, every camp is thoughtfully designed, professionally led and built around what families value most: safety, structure and exceptional experiences. This summer's lineup offers something for every age and interest, from outdoor exploration to hands-on learning and high-energy sports.

## CAMP CROWSIDE & MAYBURY NATURE CAMP (AGES 6-15)

Our state-licensed day camps provide a balanced mix of activity, creativity and adventure. Campers spend their days outdoors, engaged in team-building games, creative projects and weekly field trips. This year, we've expanded camp eligibility through **age 12** and introduced a **Counselor-in-Training** program for **ages 13 to 15**, giving teens the opportunity to build leadership skills in a supportive environment. **Field Trip Camp** also returns with a new destination each day, offering fresh experiences all summer long.

## SAFETY TOWN (AGES 5-6)

Safety Town blends meaningful life skills with engaging, age-appropriate instruction. Through interactive projects, guided activities and visits from community professionals such as police officers and firefighters, children develop awareness, confidence and independence. The program is structured to prepare young learners for kindergarten while making each day positive and memorable. **Volunteer opportunities** are available for teens ages 13–18 who are ready to step into leadership roles.

## SPECIAL INTEREST CAMPS (AGES 3-17)

For children who want to dive deeper into a passion or try something new, our specialty camps offer focused instruction led by experienced professionals. Partnerships with trusted instructors allow us to deliver high-quality programs across a wide range of interests. Offerings include **basketball, chess, dance, fencing, futsal, gymnastics, performing arts, robotics, skateboarding, STEM, TGA Golf, volleyball, and youth sports.**

Northville Parks & Recreation is proud to provide trusted programs and exceptional summer experiences for our community. Register at [npar.info/summer-camp](http://npar.info/summer-camp).

## NOW HIRING

Camp Counselors &  
Safety Town Staff

*Starting at \$17/hour*



**REGISTRATION OPEN SOON:**

**Residents:** March 17; **Non-Residents:** March 19

# CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM

Northville Parks & Recreation, in partnership with The Kids Table, offers need-based “camperships” for select summer camps. These scholarships are designed to help make summer day camp experiences more accessible for families in financial need.

Qualifying Summer Camps Include:

- **Maybury Nature Camp**
- **Camp Crowside**
- **Safety Town**

Additional documentation is requested with your application, such as a letter of recommendation, so the reviewing team has a better understanding of how participation in summer camp will benefit your family.

Each applicant may request support for up to two weeks of camp. Preference will be given to first-time applicants. Please note, while we aim to assist as many families as possible, submitting an application does not guarantee a campership. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

## APPLY NOW!



For more information on requirements and qualifications, or to apply, scan the QR code or visit [www.northvilleparksandrec.org](http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org).



# THE Center OF Everything

## Parks and Recreation improvements will transform the community for ages to come

By Terry Jacoby

**T**HE evolution, expansion and reach of Northville Parks and Recreation will continue at a rapid pace in 2026 and include renovation, accreditation, the addition of two new parks and much more in an effort to create additional and better services for the Northville community.

“Northville is in the middle of one of the most exciting transformations our parks system has ever seen,” said Northville Parks and Recreation Director Derek Smith. “What excites me most is what these parks mean for everyday life. Families, seniors, kids, and visitors will be able to move through Northville in a whole new way – from downtown to the river, to trails, to green space – safely, accessibly and beautifully.”

One of the items on the top of the to-do list for this year is the relocation of the Parks and Rec administrative office to its own stand-alone building. Northville Township is renovating the former headquarters of the Department of Public Works (relocated to the Essential Services Complex) on Beck Road between Five and Six Mile roads, where residents can register for classes, as well as store its used equipment. The move also frees up the space at Hillside to allow space for expanded programming.

The move is scheduled to be completed in 2026.

Parks and Recreation also is working on adding new parks in the city of Northville, including new Ford Field East, River Park and Central Park. These destinations will soon be linked to the Seven Mile pathway that connects to Legacy Park.



- Ford Field Park represents a key expansion of recreational



space and connectivity in downtown Northville. The park improvements focus heavily on accessibility and trail development, including a new shared-use pathway designed to link downtown to the River Park corridor and regional trail systems.

- River Park is the largest of the new downtown parks and the environmental centerpiece of the former Northville Downs redevelopment. Covering more than 10 acres, the park restores a previously buried section of the Rouge River – a major ecological investment for the city.
- Central Park will be a smaller but highly visible green space located within the Downs redevelopment area. At roughly 1.5 acres, it's designed as a walkable civic space that complements River Park and strengthens downtown gathering opportunities.

River Park is slated to open this spring while Central Park and Ford Field East should be completed in 2027.

While Legacy Park itself is a large, long-range project on Seven Mile, the city's emerging Riverwalk and trail initiatives are designed to tie these downtown parks into a regional network.

“These new and improved parks – Ford Field Park East, River Park, Central Park and Legacy Park – aren't standalone projects,” Smith said. “They're part of a connected vision that will let residents walk or bike from





downtown into natural spaces, regional trails and eventually even toward destinations like Maybury State Park.”

Parks and Recreation also recently began a rigorous multi-year accreditation process through the National Recreation and Park Association’s Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). The accreditation promotes the community as a great place to live, encourages professional development for staff and provides a pathway to success for the department.

Only three communities in Michigan have achieved the distinction of CAPRA Accreditation: Canton Leisure Services; Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors; and Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.

“CAPRA is the only national accreditation of park and recreation agencies and is a valuable measure of an agency’s overall quality of operation, management and service to the community,” Smith said. “Achieving CAPRA accreditation is the best way to demonstrate that your agency and staff provide the community with the highest level of service.”

Northville Parks and Rec are building a parks system that helps people truly connect, create and be inspired – and they’re just getting started.

“When you look at the parks opening downtown, the trail connections, the CAPRA accreditation journey and our new headquarters, it all points to the same thing: we are building a Parks and Recreation department that’s ready for the next generation of city and township residents,” Smith said. “We’re growing, we’re improving and we’re doing it in a way that keeps residents at the center of everything.”



# Tired of struggling with poor vision? Not sure what to do?

## Ask the Doctor

**Q:** Dr. Jacobi, my usual eye doctor said she could no longer improve my vision with regular eyeglasses or surgery, but I still struggle with everything from driving to reading. I have been told I have "low vision. What does that mean, and what could I hope for from a low vision evaluation?

- Mabel M.

**A:** The first step is to determine how much actual vision or usable vision you have. In addition, we need to identify your needs. I find most patients who are struggling with poor vision due to various eye diseases still have very usable vision when they are given the right eyewear.

One of the first things I ask my patients is what they would like to accomplish with improved sight. I ask about activities they have given up due to their visual limitations. The only limitation for the solution is usually the motivation of the patient, as they come to terms with a permanent, lowered visual status. However, this is often the best time to see a low vision specialist such as myself, because the sooner you get the right eyewear, life will be easier.

During the first appointment, I spend one hour with each patient in order to pinpoint the best optical solutions (beyond regular eyeglasses). Next I will show you what it would look like with the vision restored by the new eyewear, so you can determine if that will work for you. In other words, the patient will experience exactly how they will see with their prescribed devices before they leave the office.

**Stop struggling with poor vision.  
To schedule an appointment**

**CALL TODAY (248) 731-9393**

## ABOUT BEYOND LOW VISION

For more than 35 years, John P. Jacobi, OD, FCOVD, FIALVS has been helping partially sighted people get their lives back. Dr. Jacobi is a Fellow of the Optometric Vision Development and Rehabilitation Association. He is a member of American Optometric Association (AOA), the Michigan Optometric Association (MOA), and a Fellow in the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists.



[www.beyondlowvision.com](http://www.beyondlowvision.com)

26850 Providence Pkwy Suite 150 | Novi, 48374

# SOLO AND SMALL BUSINESS PLANNING

By: Gerald M. Morello, Jr., Esq. and Ryan J. Plantrich, Esq.

Small businesses account for 99.9% of all U.S. businesses. Whether you are just starting a business or looking to take your business to the next level, a proactive approach is essential for long-term success. We at Morello Law Group work closely with hundreds of solo and small business owners to ensure that their business interests are appropriately planned, protected, and passed on to the next generation.

### #1 Plan It – Legal Structure and Formation

Choosing the right legal structure is vital for protecting your personal assets from business-related creditors and optimizing tax efficiency. Sole Proprietorships, Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies, and Corporations each offer distinct advantages and drawbacks. It is important to consider tax consequences, scalability, ongoing compliance requirements, and industry-specific regulations when determining which structure will best fit your business needs.

### #2 Protect It – Maintaining Appropriate Records and Meeting Legal Requirements

With overhead costs, payroll requirements, and general operating expenses, it is important to avoid penalty fees and unnecessary expenses by ensuring that basic legal requirements are met.

A few examples include:

- Submitting the Beneficial Ownership Information Report to the United States Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network;
- Submitting Annual Filings to the appropriate state authority to ensure the business remains in good standing;
- Properly documenting the ratification of business activities each year; and
- Filing annual tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service.



Gerald M. Morello, Jr.

### #3 – Pass It On – Succession Planning & Estate Plan Integration

Operating a successful business keeps you busy, so it is easy to forget to plan for what you want to happen to your business when you pass away. Establishing a clear business succession plan and/or integrating your business interests with your estate plan can help to ensure a seamless transition of assets and responsibilities when you find yourself unable to continue your business endeavors yourself.



Ryan J. Plantrich

Morello Law Group is here to support your unique legal needs and ensure that your legacy is safeguarded for you and future generations. Contact us today to schedule a free consultation to discuss how we may be of assistance to you.



**ROOTED IN TRADITION.  
FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE.**

Since 1877, U of D Jesuit has formed young men of character, compassion, and purpose. A Catholic, all-boys school in Detroit, we prepare students in grades 7–12 to become Men for Others, leaders who make a difference in their communities and beyond. With our 150th anniversary on the horizon, we want you to join us and celebrate our rich legacy while looking ahead to an exciting future.

**SCHEDULE A VISIT TODAY**



[www.uofdjesuit.org](http://www.uofdjesuit.org)

**SPRING  
OPEN  
HOUSE**  
April 21  
6-8 pm

## UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY

CELEBRATING 28 YEARS IN LIVONIA

# BUYING AND SELLING

## COINS & CURRENCY

### BUYING US GOLD & SILVER

YOU CAN FIND  
US ON



\*\*\*  
**AUTHORIZED  
DEALER of the  
US MINT**  
\*\*\*

# RIW HOBBIES & GAMES

29571 5 Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154

Closed Monday | Tues-Thurs 12pm-10pm  
Fri & Sat 11am-10pm | Sunday 12pm-7pm

**(734) 261-7233**  
**RIWHOBBIES.COM**

**\$20.00 OFF  
A PURCHASE  
OF \$100  
OR MORE**

Valid only on Coin purchases.



# RECORDS, ELECTRONICS AND ICE HOCKEY

The world of Northville's  
Paul Karatsinides By Ryan M. Place

If you follow the crackle of a funk 45, the hum of a circuit board or the sound of skates cutting into ice, you might find Paul Karatsinides at the center of it all.

Paul lives in Northville with his wife, Stephanie, and their three children: Joanna (9), Spiro (7), and Irene (4). Though Paul was born and raised in Grand Rapids, his roots pull strongly toward Metro Detroit.

"Most of my family is here, including my two younger brothers," he said. "We wanted to be closer to them. We moved to Northville in 2015. The schools are exceptional and you have a small-town vibe with easy access to bigger cities nearby."

A self-described lover of math, music, and machines, Paul holds degrees in electrical engineering and math from Michigan State University.

"I work at AMD," he said. "My focus is on embedded systems – small computers inside devices like smartphones, gaming consoles, anything with a self-contained CPU."

Paul's curiosity started early.

"In the 1980s, my dad brought home a Commodore 64," Paul said. "That was it for me. I still have a 1981 Vectrex console. From there, I became interested in math, especially discrete math, things like Boolean algebra, graph theory, algorithms, and number theory."

Music, however, might be Paul's main passion. A DJ since his teens, he began spinning records in the late mid-'90s.



"I've been doing it ever since," he said. "I have about 3,000 records. Mostly funk 45s, jazz, soul, rock, and hip-hop. Influences range widely from German rock band Can to electronic Kraftwerk to Wu-Tang Clan."

Paul has a residency at Plymouth's Red Ryder Lounge.

"The third Thursday every month, I spin funk 45s down there," he said. "The analog unfolds in real time. Music has always been a part of my life. I learned classical piano, the Suzuki method. I also have a Fender Rhodes electric piano and a Moog synthesizer."

After MSU, Paul moved to Washington, D.C., where he played in a funk band and got his Master of Science in electrical engineering from George Washington University. Travel continues to be important to the family.

"We love visiting Traverse City and Holland, and regularly visit Stephanie's family in Salt Lake City, Utah," he said. "My parents are Greek, so I'm especially fond of Thessaloniki and Northern Greece."

Closer to home, Paul laces up his skates.

"Every Sunday, I play defense at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth," he said. "When the skates come off, you'll find our family outdoors at Maybury State Park or Hines Park."

For Paul, life in Northville is proof that circuits and records, math and music, family and community, all belong in the same groove. Contact Paul at [karatsin@gmail.com](mailto:karatsin@gmail.com).



# CARRICO MALDEGEN

INSURANCE AGENCY

41000 W. Seven Mile Rd. • Suite 140 • Northville, MI 48167  
**248-714-5793** • VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE: [carricomaldegen.com](http://carricomaldegen.com)



We are a locally owned, independent agency providing insurance planning to help protect your hard-earned assets.

Our planning starts with a comprehensive review so that we can do our best to protect what you care about most. At Carrico Maldegen, we can assist with everything from your home, auto, life, and business insurance.

Our clients benefit because we offer insurance coverages from Auto-Owners Insurance, so that we can tailor solutions to your specific needs.

Call us today to see how we can benefit you.

***Auto-Owners***<sup>®</sup>  
**INSURANCE**  
LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS

# STAY INFORMED, RIDE SAFELY

## Northville Township Police Department outlines e-bike rules

By Kelsi Klein

**W**ITH the surge in popularity of motorized scooters and electric bicycles in recent years, the Northville Township Police Department is dedicated to making sure residents stay safe and educated about laws and ordinances surrounding them.

"Our main concern is that people understand the restrictions, know where they can and cannot operate them and operate them in a safe manner," said Northville Township Police Department's Special Services Lieutenant Patrick Reinke.

Reinke explained that Northville Township does not currently have its own ordinances about e-bikes and scooters, so Michigan state law is the guiding standard.

### E-bike classifications

State law classifies e-bikes in three different groups: Class 1 includes pedal-assist models that can reach up to 20 miles per hour and must be pedaled for the motor to engage, Class 2 includes throttle-assist bikes that can reach up to 20 miles per hour without pedaling, and Class 3 includes pedal-assist bikes that can reach speeds up to 28 miles per hour.

It is a requirement that each bike falls into one of the three classes and there must be a label on it indicating which class it is.

"Particularly if a bike's speed goes over the limitations for each class, then it can technically be considered a moped or motor vehicle, which means the rider must have a motorcycle endorsement and a driver's license," Reinke said.

### Age, helmet use and safety

Though township police strongly encourage helmet use for all riders, there are no minimum age or helmet requirements to operate Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes. Due to their higher speeds, Class 3 bikes are restricted to riders aged 14 and older, and all riders between 14-18 years old must wear helmets, including passengers.

"Although they are electric bicycles with motors, basic bicycle safety applies," Reinke said. "Riders should wear high visibility clothing and have lights – state law requires that any bike or e-bike being ridden on the roadway at night must have a headlight and a rear reflector or taillight."



Rules also dictate that all bikes, including traditional ones, shall ride "as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway" and ride with the traffic, not against it. Additionally, all bikes must follow the same traffic laws as a motor vehicle when in the roadway.

Motorists sharing the roadway are reminded to stay aware of their surroundings, remain alert and give cyclists adequate space.



### Where you can ride

Since Northville Township currently defers to state law when it comes to e-bikes, where they can be ridden depends on their class.

- Class 1 e-bikes can be ridden on improved trails, including asphalt, concrete or crushed limestone paths. While Class 1 e-bikes are typically not allowed on natural surface trails, such as mountain bike trails, Northville Parks and Recreation is allowing them on the trails within Legacy Park. Class 2 and 3 are still not permitted on those trails.
- Class 2 and 3 bikes are limited to streets, roads and bike lanes.
- Nonmotorized, natural surface trails like dirt paths, nature trails and mountain bike trails are off limits to all e-bikes.

### Stay informed

Reinke noted that it's important to check local community rules and regulations as some jurisdictions do have their own ordinances in place already.

While the police department is constantly working with the parks and recreation department to monitor the situation and assess community feedback, its current focus is on education and safety.

"Just because these bikes can go up to 20-28 miles per hour doesn't mean riders need to go that fast," Reinke said. "Ride within your comfort level, be cognizant of other riders and share the roadways responsibly."

# Cruz Clinic Now Offering Esketamine for Treatment-Resistant Depression

By Samuel Wedes, MD

**E**SKETAMINE, also known by its brand name, Spravato, is a relatively new antidepressant with a novel mechanism of action – it conveniently comes as a nasal spray.

It is FDA-approved for treatment-resistant depression and depression with suicidality, but it does not take the place of inpatient psychiatric hospitalization for people who are suicidal to the point of being a potential danger to themselves.

Treatment-resistant depression is quite common. Despite adequate trials of antidepressants and sometimes augmenting agents, people with treatment-resistant depression continue to struggle with symptoms of depression, including depressed mood, lack of interest or pleasure in activities that normally bring them joy, sleep and appetite disturbance, fatigue or lack of energy, difficulty concentrating or thinking clearly, a feeling of being abnormally slowed down or sped up, a sense of worthlessness or irrational guilt, and thoughts of death or suicide.

Esketamine has found a niche in the management of treatment-resistant depression, as well as depression with suicidality. Its effects tend to be rapid, sometimes within the first day of treatment. For others, it takes longer to see a response – up to four weeks or longer. It has been shown to be safe and efficacious.

Esketamine must be administered in a healthcare facility. All people receiving esketamine will have their blood pressure, pulse and oxygen saturation checked before treatment. These parameters will subsequently be checked periodically after treatment. All people are monitored by our treatment staff for at least two hours following the administration of the nasal spray in our comfortable esketamine suite.

Side effects from esketamine typically resolve within the two-hour monitoring window after receiving the nasal spray. Esketamine is known to cause sedation and dissociation, including feeling as if one is outside of themselves (depersonalization) or that one's surroundings are not real (derealization). Perceptual changes can occur. People may see shapes and colors that are not there. Increased blood pressure may occur. In rare cases, esketamine can cause respiratory depression, or decreased drive to breathe.

Esketamine also has the potential for misuse and abuse. Like all antidepressants, esketamine may increase the risk of suicidal thoughts and behaviors in young people. It is important to note that people receiving esketamine cannot drive or operate heavy machinery until the following day. They are welcome to have a friend or family member stay with them during treatment.

Esketamine is generally administered twice weekly for the first four weeks of treatment. This is considered the induction phase of treatment. After induction, people will enter the

maintenance phase, which generally requires once-weekly esketamine treatment for the first month, and then treatment weekly or every other week thereafter. While some people are able to stop esketamine treatment and maintain stability of their depression with oral agents and psychotherapy, others will require indefinite treatment with esketamine to maintain relief of their depressive symptoms.

If you or a loved one is suffering from treatment-resistant depression or depression with suicidality and is interested in esketamine treatment, please give the Cruz Clinic a call at (734) 462-3210 or visit us on the web at [www.cruzclinic.com](http://www.cruzclinic.com). You will speak with our intake department, who will set you up with an appointment with one of our esketamine prescribers to review your history, the risks and benefits of esketamine treatment, and what to expect during treatment. Once you meet with your prescriber, treatment can begin.

There is no need to suffer from treatment-resistant depression or depression with suicidality any longer.

*Dr. Wedes is a board-certified Psychiatrist who specializes in General Adult Psychiatry. Conditions he commonly sees include depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, ADHD, and schizophrenia, among others. He strives to create a safe environment free from judgment. Dr. Wedes graduated from the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University and completed residency at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He has over 10 years of experience.*



**CRUZ CLINIC**

17177 N. Laurel Park Drive,  
#131  
Livonia, MI 48152  
(734) 462-3210  
[www.cruzclinic.com](http://www.cruzclinic.com)



# Did you Know?

## Jacob Matthew Jewelers is your one-stop shop for jewelry, repairs and more

### Lab-grown diamonds are becoming more popular each year

Lab-grown diamonds have increased in popularity in recent years for several reasons. They are physically identical to mined diamonds, but cost a fraction of the price.

Whether customers are saving money for a house or a wedding, lab-grown diamonds have given people the opportunity to still be able to purchase a beautiful piece of jewelry within their budget.



### Flowers aren't the only gift option for homecoming or prom

Homecoming and prom are memorable events for many teens, but did you know there are other affordable options in addition to flowers or corsages?

"Most people don't think about alternative gifts, but you can purchase a nice bracelet for around the same price as flowers," according to Haggerty.

"People often overlook jewelry as an affordable gifting option," she said, but Jacob Matthew Jewelers has something for every occasion.

### Jewelry is one of the most memorable gifts

Chances are, if you ask someone about a piece of jewelry they're wearing, they will remember exactly when, where and from whom they received it.

When it comes to gift giving, jewelry is one of the most sentimental and meaningful gifts.

"It's a nice sentiment for a child starting a new chapter in their life," Haggerty said. "They have a piece



of home to wear as a reminder of from where they came."

Whether it's a promise ring they wear until they become engaged, a classic pair of diamond or pearl studs to a watch for daily wear, jewelry is the perfect gift for all of life's milestones.



### Your unwearable jewelry or family heirlooms can be repaired and restored like new

Many people inherit jewelry they simply don't wear because it has been well loved—maybe the gemstone is worn or clasp is broken. Did you know that Jacob Matthew Jewelers offers state-of-the-art repair and restoration services? If it's a style you don't like, they can also redesign the piece into something more your taste.

Through jewelry restoration and regular maintenance, your meaningful jewelry will remain beautiful and wearable for future generations.

Their jewelry repair services encompass everything from repairing chains, tightening gemstones and rebuilding worn jewelry to professional cleaning and polishing.

The full-time, in-house jewelers take time to care for each piece and provide the highest quality service that will last for years to come.

### It's better to shop with an independent jeweler

While it's convenient to order jewelry online or from a chain store, you completely bypass the personalized approach and wealth of knowledge local jewelers have gained.

"We want to make you happy," Haggerty said. "We see you around town, live in your community and can talk to you and help you select the best piece of jewelry for you and your lifestyle. We'd love the opportunity to give you a free consultation for any of your jewelry needs."



Jacob Matthew Jewelers is located at 6673 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.  
For more information, visit [www.jacobmatthewjewelers.com](http://www.jacobmatthewjewelers.com) or call 734-207-1906.

# YOUR FOOD, FUN AND SHOPPING DESTINATION.

Experience the unmatched combination of entertainment, dining, and shopping that makes Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk Michigan's premier open-air lifestyle center.

FOOD

FUN

HEALTH/BEAUTY

SHOPPING



TWELVE MILE CROSSING  
— AT FOUNTAIN WALK —

44175 W. 12 MILE ROAD, NOVI, MI 48377  
TWELVEMILECROSSING.COM

*Your neighborhood's top rated  
cleaning company!*



## Home + Office Professional Cleaning

- Trained staff
- Eco-friendly products
- Optional cleaning plans
- Insured & Bonded

[nicolestlccleaning.com](http://nicolestlccleaning.com)

734.404.5627

995 S Main St.  
Plymouth, MI 48170

★ 1996 ★

30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

★ 2026 ★

**\$40 OFF ANY  
DEEP CLEANING SERVICE**

# Specialized Skills

Township and city firefighters train for ice rescues By Terry Jacoby

**I**n January, three young brothers aged 6-9 tragically drowned after falling through the ice on a pond near Bonham, Texas.

It's not the first time people have died this way and it unfortunately won't be the last, but many local fire departments train every year on how to save someone who has fallen through the ice and can't get out.

In February, the Northville Township Fire Department held a water and ice rescue training course in the Highland Lakes neighborhood that focused on ice rescue operations as part of the department's Probationary Firefighter Training Program. And because thawing will have begun, demand for these dangerous rescues is highest in the spring.

"Ice rescue incidents are low-frequency but high-risk events that require specialized skills," said Northville Deputy Fire Chief Jesse Marcotte. "Ice rescue incidents are among the most dangerous scenarios firefighters face. Cold water shock, rapidly deteriorating ice, limited visibility, and extreme physical stress create an unforgiving operating environment."

Marcotte said the training ensures firefighters can make quick decisions, deploy resources efficiently and operate as a coordinated team while minimizing risk.

"Just as importantly, it helps prevent



situations where well-intentioned rescuers or bystanders become additional victims, which is a common trend in ice-related emergencies," he said.

Three newly hired Northville Township firefighters successfully completed this training as part of their probationary requirements, and several Northville City firefighters participated to reinforce regional interoperability and shared operational practices.

Crews trained on recognizing unsafe ice conditions, deploying specialized rescue equipment, performing victim rescues, and patient treatment. The training also emphasized self-rescue techniques, crew coordination and communications to ensure firefighter safety and effectiveness in a rapidly changing/unstable environment.

There is significantly more water in Northville Township and the surrounding area than many people realize. There are more than 130 identified bodies of water within Northville Township alone, and these include lakes, private property ponds, retention basins, rivers, creeks, and golf course water hazards.

Of these 130 bodies of water, 21 have been identified as higher-risk locations that benefit from detailed pre-planning due to distance and access limitations. These locations are assigned specific Quick Reference Identifiers (QRIs) within the department's pre-plan system, allowing responding crews to quickly identify access points, hazards and deployment considerations while en route to an incident.

"Many of these bodies of water freeze unevenly, particularly near moving water, inlets, outlets, vegetation, and bridges," Marcotte said. "Ice that appears solid in one area can be dangerously thin just a short distance away."

The department frequently encounters near-miss incidents where individuals fall through the ice but manage to self-rescue or are assisted by bystanders prior to their arrival. Nationally and locally, these incidents often escalate when untrained rescuers attempt to help, underscoring the importance of early 911 notification and professional response.

"Many people are not aware that our department is trained and equipped to provide surface water rescue and ice rescue," Marcotte said. "Attempted rescues by untrained individuals often lead to additional victims. Trained firefighters equipped with specialized gear are best prepared to handle these dangerous conditions safely."

## PUBLIC WARNINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

*The most important message to the public is simple: If someone falls through the ice, call 911 immediately.*

- Never assume ice is safe based on appearance alone
- Avoid ice near moving water, inlets, outlets, culverts, or dark areas
- Keep pets on a leash near frozen water and do not attempt to rescue them if they fall in
- Teach children to stay off frozen ponds and lakes unless officially designated as safe
- If you fall through the ice, remain calm, turn toward the direction you came from, kick your legs, and try to slide onto the ice



# Independent Living

Designed with Today's 55+ in Mind

At Lockwood of Lyon, your next adventure begins with the peace of mind that comes from carefree living. Embrace a community where comfort, camaraderie, and fun are at the heart of every day—because the best chapters are still ahead.

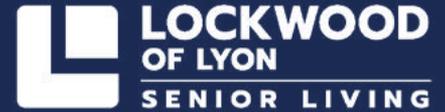
## DITCH THE TO-DO LIST FOR A TO-LIVE LIST

At Lockwood of Lyon, you can focus on what truly matters: *living life to the fullest.*

- No more weekend projects.
- No more unexpected repair bills.
- No more climbing ladders or pushing mowers.

Let's connect to support your next chapter. Contact us today!

# 248-264-9970



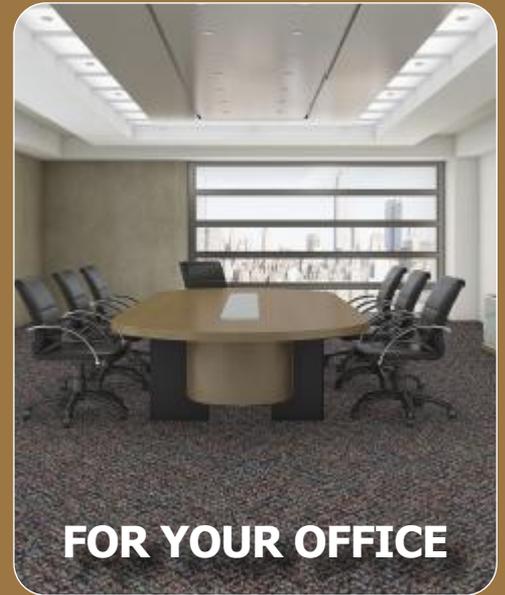
20905 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178 | [LockwoodofLyon.com](http://LockwoodofLyon.com)



### FOR YOUR HOME

From carpet and hardwood to laminate, tile, and area rugs, Abbey Flooring & Design has the latest designs and colors to make your home perfect for you and your family.

Our professional staff makes it easy to find your perfect floor!



### FOR YOUR OFFICE

Luxurious Carpet - Timeless Hardwood - Distinctive Luxury Vinyl - Natural Tile & Stone



## Abbey Flooring & Design

Serving Livonia and the surrounding area since 1975.

### 734-427-7120

[livonia.abbeycarpet.com](http://livonia.abbeycarpet.com)

# 'PAWS-ITIVE' CHANGES

## Northville Public Schools welcomes four full-time SEL dogs to district

By Kelsi Klein

**I**n February, Northville Public Schools (NPS) expanded its Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) dog program, bringing four SEL dogs into the district permanently.

This program is another step in the district's commitment to support the "Whole Child," an educational framework that focuses on nurturing all aspects of a student's development including cognitive, social, emotional, mental and physical.

"By integrating highly trained SEL dogs into the daily fabric of our schools, Northville is providing students and staff with a powerful tool for emotional regulation, stress reduction and connection," the district said.

The new four-legged, full-time members of the Northville school community were provided through Campus K9s, a nonprofit that specializes in preparing therapy and support dogs specifically for educational environments.

The organization started as Green Acres Labradors, which has bred Labrador retrievers for more than 13 years. About eight years ago, the group began placing dogs in schools and officially launched as a nonprofit in 2023 to be able to help scholarship some of the costs to districts who needed financial assistance.

Campus K9s owner Kristy Green explained that the process is not one-size-fits-all and not all dogs are used the same way.

"We get an idea of what each district's needs are and how they're going to use the dog within the school, then we train that dog to meet the needs of each building," Green said.

The dogs are selected at about 12 weeks and from there the team focuses on socializing them and training them in the schools where they'll be working, so they get used to the kids and the environment.

"Relationship is our number one priority," Green said. "We really focus on the dogs building a relationship with their hosts and handlers. They have to trust the person at the end of the leash."

Hosts are selected through an application process to ensure that they're a good fit for the dog, and when it comes to life at home, each dog goes home with their host each day and eventually retires with them after their seven-to-eight-year career working in the school.

NPS welcomed four labs this year that are each assigned to different schools: Brulee at Northville High School (NHS), Jesper at Hillside Middle School, Kane at Meads Mill Middle School and Nick at Cooke School.

"It's been amazing seeing the students' faces light up when she's out in the hallways," said Kate Schultz, NHS counselor who hosts Brulee. "I have students stopping by every day at lunch to get their 'Brulee time', as they call it."

Over the years, Green has witnessed countless positive changes in students and schools through Campus K9s.

She described how the SEL dogs can do so much more, and help students self-regulate and get back to class faster than any other tool school staff has.

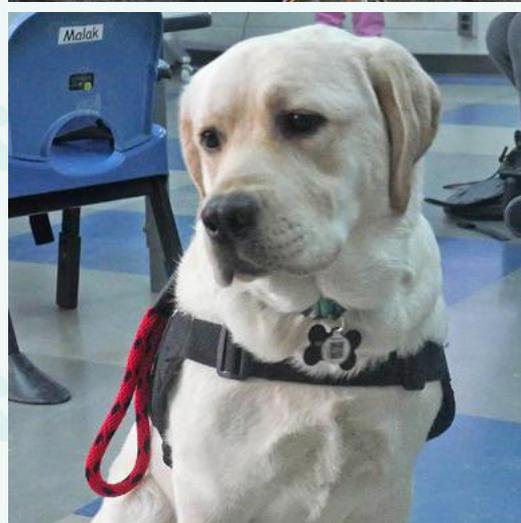
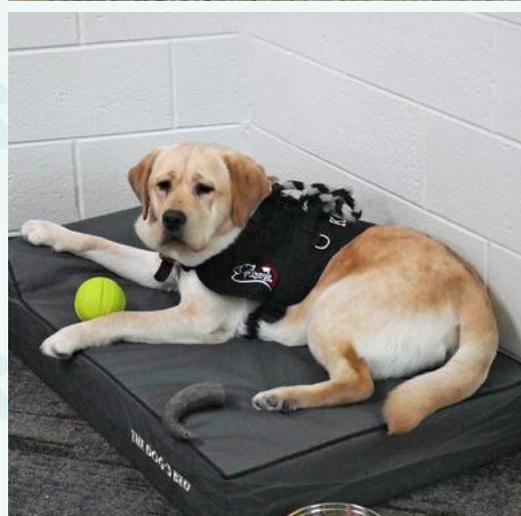
"In his short time here, we've already seen him do powerful things, like help students share very difficult things, encourage students who struggle to speak find their brave voices and support students through anxiety in the school environment," said Keely Bartel, social worker at Hillside, who hosts Jesper.

The district looks forward to the lasting impact its new SEL dogs will have on the school community.

Visit [www.campusk9s.com](http://www.campusk9s.com) or [www.northvilleschools.org](http://www.northvilleschools.org) for more information and updates from NPS.



**NORTHVILLE**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Northville Public Schools' four SEL dogs (from top): Jesper, Brulee, Kane and Nick.



# Strong Traditions

Boys swim team details what makes them successful By Terry Jacoby

**A**l says finding a consistent swimming stroke requires building rhythm, maintaining a steady cadence and using drills for muscle memory. Consistency also is important to building and maintaining a successful swimming and diving program and the Northville boys team is the perfect example.

The Mustangs have finished top four at the MHSAA Swimming and Diving Division 1 Championships in three of the last four years: 2022 (second), 2024 (fourth), and 2025 (third). The boys also took third in both 2007 and 2010.

Rich Bennetts took over the boys program in 1999 and has been with the girls program since 2008, taking over as head coach in 2024.

The male Mustangs continue to swim among the elite in the state in 2025-26.

"We've got quite a few very accomplished swimmers on the team this year, including a talented group of seniors who have been together for years through both club and high school swimming," Bennetts said. "They are a great group to work with, and I enjoy every practice with these guys because they work so hard."

How have the Mustangs maintained that consistency over the years? Let's jump in the pool and find out from those in the know – the four senior captains.

"I think Northville swim and dive has been so successful in the past because we're all so close as a team," said Jayden Setyabudi, a returning scorer in both the 200 and 100 freestyle. "We have strong traditions that have been passed down through each class that make us unique as a team."

Ace Spicer, a returning All-State swimmer in the IM and Breaststroke, said "team bonding" is another key stroke to their success.

"Since my freshman year, I learned that a sport like swimming can involve more than just yourself," he said. "Participating in many volunteer events, fundraisers and rigorous training sessions together, the Northville team has built a connection that distinguishes itself from our competitors. The captains take pride in their leadership each year."

Brady Stenson has proven he can go the distance when it matters the most. The senior is the defending state champion in the 200 freestyle and runner-up in the 500 free. He agrees that team culture plays a big role in the program's elite status.

"It's the way everyone truly buys into it," Stenson said. "There's a strong sense of accountability, but it's never negative – everyone wants to push each other to be better. Whether it's in practice, at meets or even outside the pool, the team energy is always supportive and competitive in the best way. We build off each other a lot."

Ben Hu, a returning All-State swimmer in the IM and 500 free, couldn't agree more with his teammates and credits Northville's coaching staff for building such a strong program.

"Coach Bennetts has been with the team for more than 25 years, and he has built us up with a vision on what we can do and what we should strive for ever since we were freshmen," he said. "It also comes down to sportsmanship within the team – how we're able to encourage each other and push one another to be the best we can be."

Other key swimmers and divers on the Northville roster this year include seniors Colin Domeracki, Matt Dertouzos, Arthur White, Reed Anderson and Adam Piao, and sophomores Justin Okopy and Quinn Guthrie.

# Something for Everyone

## We welcome spring at Maybury Farm!

**A**FTER an extremely cold Michigan winter, get ready to experience spring's peaceful, colorful renewal at the Farm!

Discover the sweet secret of Maple Syrup at Maybury Farm. Our fun and educational Maple Syrup Tour starts with a wagon ride to the forest (sugar bush), where you'll walk in and learn to identify sugar maple trees, how they produce sap, why and when sap flows, and how to tap and collect sap. Then the wagon will take you to our Sugar Shack to watch and learn the simple but amazing process that turns sap into delicious maple syrup – you'll even get to try a sample of the finished product!



Warm up in the General Store with a hot drink and snacks. Of course, pure Michigan Maple Syrup will be available for purchase. You can even find spiles to tap a sugar maple on your own! Maple Syrup Tours take place on weekends, March 7-29. Reservations will be available – purchase early online at a discounted price!

Along with the Parks Partnership Committee, Maybury



Farm will host Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 11. Celebrate spring when you enjoy egg hunts, face painting, seed planting, arts, crafts, and fun costumed characters!

The season starts on Tuesday, April 14, with shortened weekday hours (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) through April and expanding to full hours in May (10 a.m.-5 p.m.). Watch for new birth announcements then stop out and welcome the new additions to our farm animal family!



Speaking of new arrivals, be sure to visit and meet our new Highland calves – Jasper and Skye. Full of personality, they arrived mid-winter and are enjoying the

attention from our farmers and visitors!

Our team continues to grow our



educational offerings – popular programs including Watch-Me-Grow, StoryTime, farm tours and Farm Camp will return with more animal interaction. We're excited to announce a partnership with The Kids Table, to offer Farm Camp need-based scholarships – we're thankful to them for helping widen our reach in the community!

Plus, we're expanding our Private Experience Program with additional offerings! Take

time to explore our grounds to learn about animals and agriculture through our fun, interactive educational displays.

Join us for Farm Fest on May 16 and enjoy demonstrations, live music, activities, crafts and more – all included in your admission ticket! Specialty food trucks will be onsite and wagon rides will be offered for an additional purchase. Tickets will be available at the door or online – purchase early online for a discount!

Celebrations are memorable at the farm – it's a wonderful setting for your child's birthday party, family get-together or a corporate gathering! The pavilion and a wagon ride is included in your weekend party package. You can even add bonfire rental on a chilly spring day.



Our green spaces, gardens and historical structures also make a great site for professional photo sessions – for a nominal fee, your photographer will be inspired and excited to capture your images at the farm!

With 2026 upon us, we'd like to thank you for our successful 2025 season – whether you visited, participated in an event or program, donated, volunteered, shopped or spread the word, you helped make it happen! Your enthusiasm for the farm is appreciated – with your votes, we were named "The #1 Place to Take Kids" by Kids Out and About for the third year in a row!

We'll do our best to earn your continued support as we expand and enhance our mission to educate the community – connecting you to animals and agriculture. Check out our website – [mayburyfarm.org](http://mayburyfarm.org) – there is truly something for everyone!



# Journey 'Into The Woods' with Northville High School Theatre!

**D**IRECTED by seasoned actress, Meredith Parker, "Into The Woods" is a story that reminds us through familiar childhood fairytale characters the importance of love, trust, connection and caring for each other.

Parker is an associate artist at Flint Repertory Theatre, where she has been in several productions, workshops and staged readings. Most recently, Parker performed as Susan in "Wait Until Dark" at the Virginia Stage Company, a professional producing theatre company in Downtown Norfolk at the historic Wells Theatre.

Additionally, Parker has performed here in Michigan at Detroit Public Theatre, Tipping Point Theatre, Michigan Shakespeare Festival, and Jewish Ensemble Theatre, among others.

Directing/teaching artist credits include Marquis Theatre, Notre Dame Preparatory School, and West Bloomfield High School. Delighted to now be the theatre director at Northville High School, she encourages you to "experience the magic of live theatre with these extraordinary students."



In addition to a 41-member cast, this musical production features a 23-member pit orchestra, conducted by the district's very own band director of 50-plus years, Michael Rumbell. And although Northville's award-winning orchestra

program has only existed for six years, 13 of the 23 musicians are strings students, taught by Dr. Johanne Ray-Hepp.

Featuring the music of Stephen Sondheim, "Into The Woods" is one of his most popular – and musically sophisticated – shows.

After all hope feels lost – after each character has gone on their individual journey into the woods – they turn to one another for hope, for connection, for love. Through the exceptional musicians, voices and storytellers of the Northville High School theatre program, these talented students will take you on a journey into the woods, and remind you that connection is paramount, hope is not lost and "no one is alone."

There are four shows over three dates: 7 p.m. on April 23 and 24, and two performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. Reserved seat tickets may be

purchased at NHStheater. Ludus.com.

This musical theatre masterpiece is intended for all audiences – however, be aware the run time is approximately two-and-a-half hours with an intermission. Although not

required, audience costumes are always encouraged! Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.



## Prelude to the Show: NHS 'Into the Woods' Cast Experience!

Northville Parks and Recreation invites you to bring the youngsters in your life to meet the cast of the NHS spring musical, "Into the Woods"! Play a "magic beanstalk" game with Jack, his mother, Little Red Riding Hood, granny and the wolf; learn about "spells and potions" from Rapunzel, her prince and the witch; receive "charm lessons" from Cinderella, her prince, stepmother and stepsisters; enjoy snacks with the baker and his wife – and take photos with the cast!

This is an all-ages event, with required parent/guardian attendance, taking place 4:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, April 6, at the Northville Community Center. Fee: \$5 resident / \$6 non-resident. Registration is required by March 30. Call Northville Senior Services at (248) 305-2851 or visit NorthvilleParksAndRec.org. The Northville Community Center is located at 303 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

**NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS**

# INTO THE WOODS

**April 23 - 24 - 25 @ 7:00 PM  
plus a 2:00 matinee April 25**

No one is alone... Adults \$18  
Seniors \$15  
Students \$10

**Reserved Seating  
Tickets:  
NHSTHEATER.LUDUS.COM**

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Book by James Lapine. Originally created and produced by Judd Apatow. Directed/Produced by Judd Apatow. Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

# One Chamber, One Community

## Local organizations work together to promote business, improve traditions

**T**HERE is plenty to be excited about at the Northville Chamber of Commerce!

New Executive Director Jim Cracraft joined the Chamber team in October, alongside Event Manager Maddy Wise and Project Assistant Olivia Moses. Cracraft is a recently retired educator who served in Northville Public Schools for 21 years and led two different Michigan school districts as superintendent over the past 10 years.

"We are most excited about the partnership and collaborative opportunities to work with our businesses, nonprofits, service agencies, and local government," Cracraft shared.

Jim and his wife, Holly, have called Northville home for the past 30 years. Holly and all three of their children are graduates of Northville Public Schools.



Chamber Project Assistant Olivia Moses, Executive Director Jim Cracraft and Event Manager Maddy Wise.

"Our public schools are truly the anchor of this community and Northville has much to be proud of thanks to our hard-working teaching staff and leadership team," he said.

Cracraft and his colleagues at the Chamber have embraced the theme, "One Chamber, One Community" for the

Northville Chamber of Commerce, and his enthusiasm for the community exemplifies the spirit of Northville.

This is a great time to be doing business in Northville and to experience the many exciting opportunities taking place, including the Northville Downs development, Ford Field developments and ongoing infrastructure improvements.

Keeping with the spirit of Northville and collaboration, the Chamber is grateful to work closely with Northville Township, the City of Northville, and Northville Public Schools. This was recently exemplified at the annual Northville Community Awards, which brought community members together to celebrate at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is also excited



to collaborate with the Northville Downtown Development Authority on events such as the Hometown Holiday Festival, the Greens Market and the Summer Concert Series.

"We are very appreciative of Kate Knight and Stacy Pearson at the DDA for their support and collaboration during these past six months," Cracraft said.

The Chamber also works closely with the Northville Central Business Association, Parks and Recreation, Historical Society, and many other organizations.

Another great example of Northville's collaborative spirit is the partnership between the City of Northville and Northville Township to establish the new location for the Northville Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market.

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department will be involved in developing the site on Seven Mile Road near the former Downs property.

"We are so impressed with our community and the willingness to collaborate to improve and continue great Northville traditions like the Northville Farmers Market," Cracraft said. "The market is the only Thursday market in Metro Detroit."

Chamber of Commerce President James Geitzen is enthusiastic about this event and the new direction of the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

"The Chamber is dedicated to promoting our local businesses and this wonderful community," Geitzen said. "Our team is working hard to





maintain our traditions and move forward together with all community stakeholders.”

Jim Cracraft shares this vision and is working closely with stakeholders to carry it forward.

“It’s great to be home and to continue serving this wonderful community,” he said. “I am very

excited to work with all our stakeholders and businesses to help strengthen our community together.”

Interested in learning more? Stop by the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 195 South Main Street in Northville or contact Jim Cracraft at (248) 349-7640.

## Congratulations to the 2026 Northville Community Award Winners!

The following recipients were honored at the 4th Annual Northville Community Awards Dinner in February. These outstanding individuals and organizations embody the selflessness, leadership and community pride that make Northville such a special place to live and work.



John Genitti Citizen of the Year Awardee Nancy Darga.

- John Genitti Citizen of the Year Award: Nancy Darga
- The Northville District Library, Volunteer of the Year: Doris Oltersdorf
- City of Northville, Volunteer of the Year: David Marold
- Township of Northville, Volunteer of the Year: Diana Wallace
- Northville Chamber of Commerce, Volunteer of the Year: Stacy Pearson
- Northville Chamber of Commerce, Servant Leadership Award: Timothy Gilbert, James Gietzen, Michael King, Jennifer Schembri
- Northville Chamber of Commerce, Small Business of the Year: Orin Jewelers
- Northville Chamber of Commerce, Large Business of the Year: The Davey Tree Expert Company
- Northville Chamber of Commerce, Spirit of Northville Award: Browndog Barlor & Restaurant
- Northville Public Schools, Educator of the Year: Michael Rumbell



City of Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Dr. RJ Webber, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo.

## Gave the Date!

### 2026 NORTHVILLE STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

April 24

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Schoolcraft College Vistatech Center**

Join the Northville Chamber of Commerce for our Annual State of the Community Luncheon – an informative gathering where neighbors, business leaders and community members come together to hear what’s happening in our town. Our three speakers will share exciting updates, key initiatives and what’s on the horizon for our community.

Community updates provided by:  
 Brian Turnbull, City of Northville Mayor  
 Mark Abbo, Northville Township Supervisor  
 Dr. RJ Webber, Northville Public Schools Superintendent

## Welcome New Chamber Members!

- Better Future Autism Therapy LLC
- Chicane
- CMIT Solutions of Northwest Metro Detroit
- Dick Scott Automotive Group
- Flawless Beauty Ink
- Jada Fashions
- Local Mitten Media
- Luigi’s Italian Carryout
- MP Fashion
- Northville City Dental
- Northville Laundry
- Northville Light Therapy
- Right Way Carpet & Janitorial Cleaning
- Setry Homes
- Thrive Medicine
- VEG ER for Pets Northville
- Vida Voyager LLC





# AROUND Northville

## March – May

### MARCH

**March 28**

#### St. Paul Easter Fair and Egg Hunt

12-2 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
201 Elm Street

Children ages 2-10 are invited to enjoy a day of fun with the Easter Bunny. There will be games, face painting, door prizes and free lunch. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

### APRIL

**April 10**

#### Spring Fling Luncheon

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Northville Community Center – Senior Services  
303 W. Main Street

Join us for our Spring Fling Luncheon, a delightful gathering to celebrate spring and friendship. Enjoy a delicious meal, lively conversation and the cheerful atmosphere of springtime. Register by April 3. \$15 Resident/\$18 Non-Resident.

**April 17**

#### Northville Mom Prom

7 p.m.-12 a.m.

Saint John's Resort  
44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth  
General admission starts at \$125/person and includes an open bar, dancing, photo booths, appetizers, snacks and desserts. Proceeds from each ticket sold go to the Northville Educational Foundation. For more information, visit [www.northvillemomprom.org](http://www.northvillemomprom.org).

**April 24**

#### 2026 Northville State of the Community

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Schoolcraft College Vistatech Center  
18500 Haggerty Road, Livonia  
Join the Northville Chamber of Commerce for its Annual State of the Community Luncheon – an informative gathering where neighbors, business leaders and community members come together to hear what's happening. Three speakers will share exciting updates, key initiatives and what's on the horizon for the community.

### MAY

**May 1**

#### Cinco de Mayo Luncheon

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Northville Community Center – Senior Services  
303 W. Main Street

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a festive luncheon filled with delicious food and lively conversation! Enjoy a colorful, fun atmosphere as we honor the spirit of this vibrant holiday. Register by April 24. \$15 Resident/\$18 Non-Resident.



**May 2**

#### Free Comic Book Day

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Northville District Library  
212 W. Cady Street

Visit the library for a day completely devoted to free comic books for all ages. Learn more at [www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org).



**May 9**

#### Young Artist Art Fair

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville  
200 E. Main Street

For a suggested donation of \$5, visitors can shop for unique gifts, enjoy musical performances and exhibits and meet the artists. For more information, visit [www.northvilleearthhouse.org](http://www.northvilleearthhouse.org).



**May 9**

#### Moonlight Bootlegger 5k

9 p.m.

Maybury State Park  
49601 Eight Mile Road

In its 14th year, the Moonlight Bootlegger race takes participants through a marked trail in the woods lit up by more than 300 tealights. Cross the finish line to live bluegrass music and enjoy two moonshine cocktails or mocktails. To learn more or sign up, visit [www.runsignup.com/Race/MI/Northville/BootleggerDetroit15](http://www.runsignup.com/Race/MI/Northville/BootleggerDetroit15).



**May 22-23**

#### The 39th Annual Northville Flower Sale

Friday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Downtown Northville  
Main and Center streets  
Shop from a wide variety of locally grown flowers and plants at this annual event featuring local growers, artisans, food trucks, live music and more. Visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org) for more information.

**PLEASE NOTE: Event details may have changed. Please check event website or social pages for the most up-to-date information.**



**CATHOLIC CENTRAL**  
EST. 1928 · BASILIAN FATHERS



## SUMMER CAMPS AT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Shamrock Youth Camps cover a variety of activities! They are designed to allow students to spend time on campus, meet new friends, and learn from current Catholic Central Shamrocks, coaches, and teachers.





**Jamey Kramer**  
Putting You First

Associate Broker  
ABR, CNE, CPS, CRS, GRI

**248.348.7200**



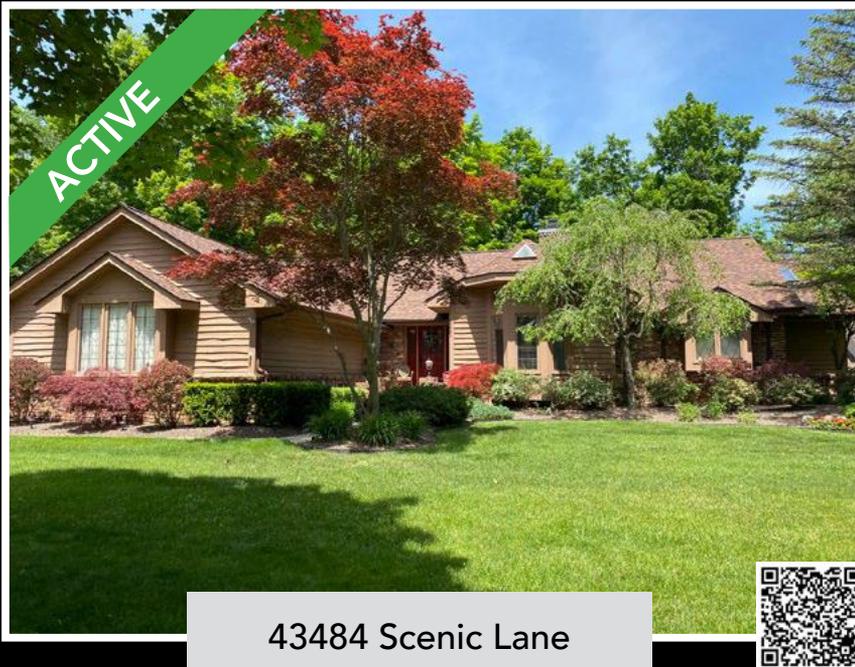
Community Publishing  
26955 Northline Road  
Taylor, Michigan 48180  
\*\*\*\*\*ECRWSS\*\*\*\*\*  
LOCAL  
POSTAL CUSTOMER

PRST STD  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
DEARBORN, MI 48120  
PERMIT NO. 11

**Jamey Kramer Real Estate**

**248.348.7200**

## Now Available In Timber Ridge Estates



43484 Scenic Lane

- Stunning Ranch On Corner Lot
- 4 Bedroom / 3.1 Bath / 2,800 Sq. Ft.
- Spacious Foyer & Open Floor Plan
- Tons Of Natural Light
- Vaulted Great Room With Gas Fireplace
- Formal Dining Room Opens To Glass Enclosed Sun Room Overlooking Rear Yard
- Gourmet Kitchen With Newer Appliances
- Primary Suite Has Fireplace, WIC With Built-ins, En Suite Bath & Private Balcony
- Finished Walk-out Lower Level Remodeled In 2025 Features Large Rec Area, Fireplace, Wet Bar, Full Bath, Office & 4th Bedroom
- Enjoy Quiet Time Or Group Entertaining On One Of 3 Decks Or The Beautiful Paver Patio
- Award Winning Northville Schools

## Putting You First ... Put Me First

- Top 1% USA - Realtrends
- Top 50 Agents RE/MAX USA
- #1 Northville/Novi Homeseller
- Hour Magazine Best of the Best
- #1 Agent RE/MAX Classic, All Offices
- #1 Agent RE/MAX State Of Michigan

## Recent Client Review

"Jamey and his team did a fantastic job selling our home. He made the experience effortless for us and took care of everything! Our home was sold within days of our listing discussion. What an amazing team... they are professionals who listen to your needs to make your home selling experience unique to you. We highly recommend Jamey and his team. Jamey - HUGE thank you!!"

-Satisfied Homeseller

**JameyKramer.com**

For Top Dollar, Quick Results, Great Service And  
A **FREE** Market Analysis Call Jamey **248-348-7200**

