

Mayor's Message

Summer is here and I hope you are out enjoying the weather. I love this time of year. With the kids on summer vacation, the schedule slows down a bit and we have time to enjoy the natural beauty all around our community. I look forward to hiking and swimming at Lake Harbor Park. The fun and friendly Arts & Crafts Festival is happening again this year at Ross Park on August 19th. If you haven't visited our newest park, Black Lake Park on Wood Road, please do. We have worked hard on creating walking paths that maintain the natural surroundings while providing access for all. We have also applied for a Coastal Zone Management grant through the State DEQ to install a kayak launch on the former Hines property located adjacent to the lake.



Gary Nelund, Mayor

City staff is already hard at work preparing for the City's 50th Anniversary in 2018. Different events are being planned to celebrate Norton Shores. Keep an eye on the City's website and social media feeds as event details are finalized.

Have a great summer and enjoy Mona Lake and Lake Michigan. Have BBQs with friends and neighbors. Take advantage of your city and it's wonderful amenities.

The City of Norton Shores is fortunate to have a wide variety of public parks that provide natural areas from trails through the woods, beautiful beach front with dunes on Lake Michigan, and access points to Mona Lake where boating and fishing opportunities abound.

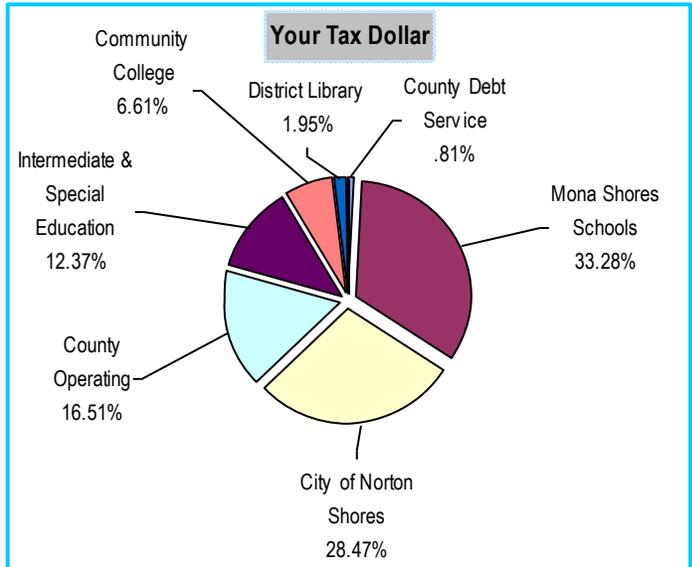
The City maintains a [facebook](#) page so check us out and stay informed on job openings and other activities in and around Norton Shores. www.facebook.com

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

In May the City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. Below is a breakdown by individual Fund:

General	\$10,246,400
Major Streets	\$2,702,810
Local Streets	\$552,700
Municipal Roads	\$1,512,000
Solid Waste	\$731,168
Local Improvement	\$135,000
Building	\$615,170
Tax Increment Finance Authority	\$2,048,032
Brownfield Redevelopment	\$119,858
Public Safety	\$1,084,479
Community Development	\$115,000
Capital Improvement	\$2,272,203
Industrial Development	\$240,000
Water & Sewer	\$8,508,066
Equipment Revolving	<u>\$981,126</u>
TOTAL	\$31,864,012

The overall millage rate remains at 10.95 mills.



The City receives approximately 28.5 cents from each dollar of your property tax payment.

With warmer days upon us many people are choosing to get out on the roadways and commute by motorcycle, ride their bicycle, and run or walk for recreation and health. Please be extra cautious when sharing the roadway with bikers, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Sharing the Roadways with Bicyclists

Earlier this year the City Council approved an Ordinance to address the passing of bicycles that are traveling along on City roadways. The new rules require the following action to take place if there is only one lane for traffic proceeding in the same direction. The vehicle shall pass to the left of the bicycle maintaining a safe distance of no less than five feet of clearance. If there is not enough room on the roadway to allow for the five foot clearance, the vehicle shall slow down and considering the safety of the bicyclists, proceed with caution. The City has more than 30 miles of paved shoulders that are utilized by bicyclists and the Ordinance will promote safe travel for bicyclists and motorists.

Disposal of Leaves and Yard Waste

In November of 2013, City Council adopted an Ordinance requiring property owners to remove fallen leaves outside of the leaf season on property with a principal structure. LEAF SEASON is defined as beginning September 1 and ending April 30. Enforcement of this Ordinance began on May 1st.

Effective June 1st, the leaf site on Wood Road will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. throughout the summer.

Speed Limit Studies on City Roadways

The State of Michigan recently passed a set of laws, House Bills #4423 and #4425 that require speed studies for all County, City, and State roadways. To be in compliance, the City is in the process of conducting traffic counts on all city streets to compile traffic data used to consider the local speed limits. The data is used to determine the 85th percentile method along with the access point methodology to consider the appropriate speed limit.

If you drive over a set of cables while traveling the City's streets, these are in place to monitor the speed of the vehicles along a particular stretch of roadway. You will also notice the speed limit signs have been covered to allow the vehicles to travel at the normal speed per the conditions of the roadway. Please be patient during the study period and drive safely through the speed study zones.



This year Arts and Drafts is a two night event! Mark your calendar for **Friday, August 18** and **Saturday, August 19**.

Schedule of Events—Saturday

8 a.m.	5th Annual Arts & Dash 5k Run/Walk
10 a.m.	Arts & Crafts Fair (until 4 p.m.)
10 a.m.	Muskegon Area District Library Arts & Play Kids Fun Zone (until 2 p.m.)
11 a.m.	Arts & Wheels Car Show (until 3 p.m.)
Noon	Beverage Tents & Live Music (until 11 p.m.)

Live Entertainment—Friday and Saturday

Friday	7 - 10 p.m. <i>West Side Soul Surfers</i> (Beer tent opens at 7 p.m.)
Saturday	Noon - 3 p.m. <i>ReFURBUSHeD</i> 4 - 7 p.m. <i>Jaded 8</i> 8 - 11 p.m. <i>Onager</i>

Ross Park, 82 Randall Road

For more information, visit us at:
www.shoresartsanddrafts.com

BIG Changes at the Polls

At the November 7, 2017, general election ballots in two precincts will be cast in the following new polling locations:

- Precinct #3** – St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 4475 Henry Street (formerly at Ross Park Elementary)
- Precinct #7** – Bridge Bible Church, 5035 Henry Street (formerly at Churchill Elementary)

These changes will provide voters with better parking and improved building access. Updated Voter ID cards will be mailed to those affected.

New voting equipment, shown here, will be used for the first time in November. You will now mark a box instead of an oval and the tabulator will digitally scan your ballot. We suggest that voters plan for a few extra minutes at the polls.



Join our Team! Call 798-4391 to become an Election Inspector.

Roadwork for the 2017 Construction Season

Road Resurfacing (Road Millage Funding)

- Bonneville Drive, McCracken St. to cul-de-sac
- Greisbach Street, Norton Ave. to Seminole Rd.
- Hile Road, Grand Haven Rd. to cu-de-sac
- Hillside Drive, Maryland Blvd. to Montevue Dr.
- Lawnel Avenue, Estes St. to Wickham Dr.
- Manitou Boulevard, Manitou Cr. to McCracken St.
- Manitou Boulevard, McCracken St. to Mohawk Dr.
- N. Manitou Circle, Manitou Blvd. to S. Manitou Cr.
- S. Manitou Circle, Manitou Blvd. to N. Manitou Cr.
- Montevue Drive, Hillside Dr. to Maryland Blvd.
- Osceola Avenue, N. Manitou Cr. to S. Manitou Cr.
- Padelt Street, Norton Ave. to Seminole Rd.
- Seneca Court, N. Manitou Cr. to S. Manitou Cr.
- Sunset Point Drive, Lake Harbor Rd. to Westwood
- West Harbor Court, Westwood to cul-de-sac
- Westwood Circle, Westwood to cul-de-sac
- Westwood Drive, Lake Harbor Rd. to Sunset Pt.

Road Reconstruction (Road Millage and Major Street Funding)

- Broadway Avenue, Bailey St. to U.S. 31
- Harvey Street, Ellis Rd. to Hile Rd.
- Forest Park Road, Lake Harbor Rd. to Braeburn Ct

Total cost of projects = \$6,021,126



**Public Safety
Open
House**



**OPEN to the PUBLIC
Saturday, September 30, 2017
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
1100 E. Pontaluna Road
Fire Station #3**

Fire Truck Rides—Door Prizes— Equipment Display
Food—Honor Guard Presentation—Seatbelt Convincer—
Tattoos—Building Fire Trucks—Fire Truck/
Police Cruiser Displays—Child ID Cards—S.M.O.K.E Trailer—
Two Stories Tall Bounce House. Come and Join us!

SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM

In cooperation with WOOD TV/WOTV and Kidde Co., the Norton Shores Fire Department is proud to participate in “Operation Save a Life”. FREE smoke alarms will be available to residents of Norton Shores on a first come, first serve basis. The smoke alarms must be installed by Fire Department personnel. Call (231) 799-6809 for more information.

Smoke Alarms Help Save Lives!

Hunter Safety Program—2017

This course is designed to increase the understanding and competency with hunter safety requirements for the State of Michigan. There is no fee for participation. Participants must attend all sessions in order to obtain a hunter education certificate. Sessions will be held Wednesday, August 23, Thursday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25, no exceptions.

Register in person at the Norton Shores Police Department, 4814 Henry Street. Children under twelve years MUST be accompanied by an adult. Contact the Norton Shores Police Department at (231) 733-2691 with any questions. There is no cost to the participants.



Building and Zoning

PERMITS

Before you begin any home projects call the following City Departments for information on regulations for:

[Building \(231\) 799-6801](tel:2317996801)

[Zoning \(231\) 799-6800](tel:2317996800)

Additions

Sheds

Roofs and Siding

Fences

Doors and Windows

Decks

Contractor Registration

Setback questions

This will save you penalties for placing fences and structures too close to setbacks or violating City Ordinances. Permit applications can be obtained on the City’s website under Departments/Building Division/ Permit Applications.

