

Mayor's Message

In April 1968, Norton Township residents voted to become a city, and now fifty years later, we are spending 2018 celebrating our City's birthday. I wonder what the first Mayor and City Council thought back then about the future of Norton Shores. I am confident that they would be happy in the direction of our City. To celebrate our City, I hope you can join us at our Community Picnic on August 17 at Ross Park from 5:30 - 7:00. Stay after the picnic and enjoy night one of our annual Arts and Drafts Festival. More details on both can be found inside the newsletter and on our website at www.nortonshores.org.



Gary Nelund, Mayor

I think that the beauty of our community really shines in the summer. Our parks are ready for you to enjoy. Whether you want to enjoy one of our many small neighborhood parks or one of our larger parks, now is the time to visit Lake Harbor Park for a walk in the beautiful dunes and a swim in Lake Michigan, play some disc golf and enjoy time at the beach at Ross Park, or enjoy a hike through our recently updated Black Lake Park which will feature a new kayak launch later this year. We truly live in a special place. Have a great and fun-filled summer. Enjoy Norton Shores!

The City is active on social media and maintains several official *facebook* pages from our Administrative, Police, Fire, and the Parks and Recreation Departments. Check us out and stay informed on job openings and other activities in and around Norton Shores.



This year the City is celebrating its 50th Anniversary along with the Arts and Drafts Festival two-day event in August.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 17

Live Music—Beer Tent

- 5 - 7 p.m. *ReFURBUSHed*
- 7:30 - 10 p.m. *Westside Soul Surfers*
- 5:30 p.m. 50th Anniversary Community Picnic

Saturday, August 18

- 8 a.m. Arts & Dash 5K Run/Walk
- 10 a.m. Children's Play Area
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Arts & Crafts Fair
- 11 a.m. Arts & Wheels Car Show

Live Music—Beer Tent

- Noon - 3 p.m. *Yard Sale Underwear*
- 5 - 8 p.m. *Erika Scherry Band*
- 8:30 - 11 p.m. *Onager*

Ross Park, 82 Randall Road

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

In October 1967, a charter commission was duly elected to frame a charter to become what is now the City of Norton Shores. The charter commission first convened to put forth a draft charter which was eventually approved by Governor Romney on March 21, 1968. On April 16, 1968, the Charter proposed by the commission and approved by the Governor was formally adopted by a vote of the people (3,186 yes – 1,230 no). The leaders of the new city held their inaugural council meeting the following evening.



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.

Sharing the Roadways with Bicyclists

It has been one year since the City Council approved an Ordinance to address the passing of bicycles that are traveling along on City roadways. The 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 new regulations will promote safe travel for both bicyclists and motorists. Also, the City continues to add off street sidewalk to areas that experience a heightened level of pedestrian activity. Future projects are identified using the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan from 2010. The City will begin the process to update the plan later this year.

Please enjoy the many miles of paved opportunity and be safe at all times!

Disposal of Leaves and Yard Waste

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.

Primary and General Elections

On August 7th electors will decide the nominations for State Governor, US Senator, US Representative in Congress, 91st District State Representative, County Commissioners and Precinct Delegates. On November 6th electors will vote on candidates for these offices along with school board members and any proposals filed by the August 14th deadline. The age requirement for absentee voting is 60 years.

Join our Team!

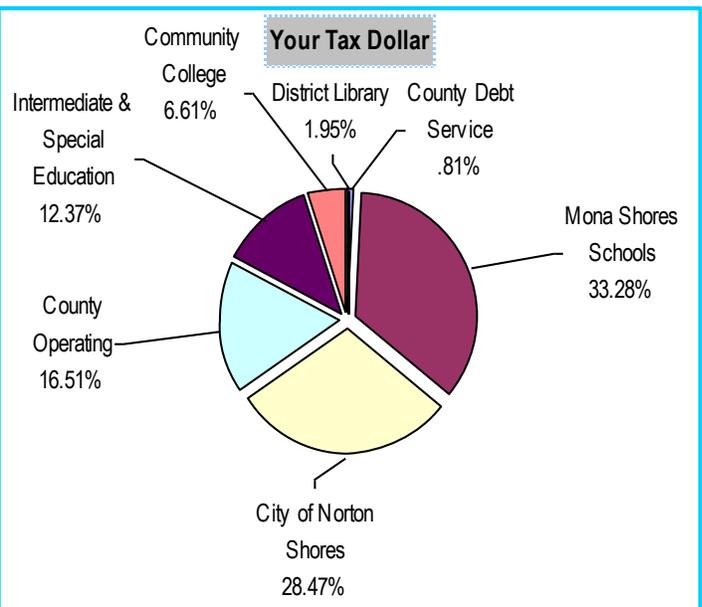
Call 798-4391 to become an Election Inspector.

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

In May the City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and millage levy. Below is a breakdown by individual fund:

General	\$10,105,871
Major Streets	\$2,388,585
Local Streets	\$549,700
Municipal Roads	\$1,517,000
Solid Waste	\$908,237
Local Improvement	\$135,000
Building	\$617,291
Tax Increment Finance Authority	\$2,441,065
Brownfield Redevelopment	\$125,567
Public Safety	\$1,116,847
Community Development	\$117,500
Capital Improvement	\$2,429,123
Industrial Development	\$240,000
Water & Sewer	\$7,733,982
Equipment Revolving	<u>\$1,013,778</u>
TOTAL	\$31,439,546

The overall millage rate remains at 10.95 mills.



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

Roadwork for the 2018 Construction Season

Road Resurfacing (Road Millage Funding)

- Applewood Lane, Norton Hills Rd. to south cul-de-sac
- August Road, Henry St. to Hile Rd.
- Cambridge Drive, Highgate Rd. to Wellesley Dr.
- Clearwater Street, Hendrick Rd. to Porter Rd.
- Garden Avenue, entire length
- Hess Street, entire length
- Nob Hill Drive, Ritter Hill Dr.—south
- Norton Hills Road, Seminole St. to Norcrest Dr.
- Plymouth Drive, Airport Rd. to Highgate Rd.
- Quainton Road, Highgate Rd. to Wellesley Dr.
- Sarasota Court, entire length
- Sunset Lane, entire length
- Wealthy Street, Thompson Rd. to Cherry Ave.
- Butler Drive, entire length
- Castle Avenue, Wittkopp St. to Meta St.
- Columbus Avenue, McCracken St. to Leon St.
- Martin Road, Sternberg Rd. to Ellis Rd.
- Meta Street, Castle Ave. to Southwood Ave.
- Southwood Avenue, McCracken St. to Wittkopp St.

Road Reconstruction (Road Millage and Major Street Funding)

- Broadway Avenue, Getty St. to U.S. 31
- Forest Park Road, Stryker Dr. to Harbor Point Dr.
- Lake Harbor Road, Seminole Rd. to Forest Glen Dr.

Total cost of projects = \$6,747,413



**Public Safety
Open
House**



**OPEN to the PUBLIC
Saturday, September 29, 2018
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—Tattoos—Building Fire
Trucks—Fire Truck/Police Cruiser Displays—Child ID
Cards—S.M.O.K.E Trailer—Bounce House.
Come and join us for this family-friendly event!

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 2018

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 22, Thursday, August 23 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 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:

[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/ Applications & Permits.



4814 Henry Street
Norton Shores, Michigan 49441

Non-emergency offices will be closed for the following holidays:
September 3 Labor Day
November 22-23 Thanksgiving
December 24-25 Christmas
December 31 New Years Eve
January 1 New Years Day

Visit us on the web at:
www.nortonshores.org

Gary Nelund, Mayor
Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator

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Working Together to Serve You

Administration - (231)798-4391
City Administrator: **Mark C. Meyers**

Director of Administrative Services/
Assistant to the City Administrator: **Anthony Chandler**
City Clerk: **Shelly Stibitz**
(Elections, business registration, insurance, FOIA)

Building - (231)799-6811
Fire Marshal: **Ted Karnitz**
Building Official: **Todd Kempf**
(Permits, inspections, ordinance enforcement)

Finance / Parks and Recreation - (231)799-6805
Finance Director/Controller: **Mike Huston**
Treasurer: **Tina Ericksen**
(Taxes, assessments, payments, budgeting)

Fire Department Non-Emergency - (231)798-2255
Fire Chief: **Bob Gagnon**
Deputy Fire Chief: **Joe Kinnucan**
(Fire suppression)

Police Department Non-Emergency - (231)733-2691
Police Chief: **Jon Gale**
Lieutenant: **Mike Kasher**
Lieutenant: **Brandon Poel**
(Patrol, special services, investigation)

Public Works Administration - (231)799-6803
Public Works Director: **Jerry Bartoszek**
City Engineer: **Jim Murphy**
Planning & Zoning: **Rob Bilkie**
(Engineering, planning, zoning)

Public Works - Streets/Drainage (231)798-2156
Superintendent: **Bryan DeGroot**
(Snowplowing, street signs, drain systems)

Public Works - Water/Sewer (231)799-6804
Superintendent: **Matt Anderson**
(Distribution, billing, testing, service)

Norton Shores Branch Library - (231)780-8844
Branch Manager: **Alison Purgiel**

POLICE, FIRE, OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Upcoming Elections: August 7 Primary and November 6 General Election