



Community Events

Throughout the year, many organizations consistently work together strengthening Northville's strong sense of community while attracting thousands of visitors to our City. The variety of community events – presented by Downtown Northville – continue to be a main draw for visitors, including:

- The **First Friday Art Walk** welcomes visitors to town the first Friday of each month when art galleries, restaurants, and various local merchants stay open late to celebrate the arts. This event has grown in popularity over the past several years and is now a Friday night destination for many.
- A brilliance of color can be found at the weekly **Farmers' Market** May through October. Each Thursday, local vendors and growers come together to sell seasonal flowers, plant material, fruits and vegetables, and crafts. Guests can also check out the popular "Chefs at the Market" series where local chefs tour the market selecting fresh produce, preparing/demonstrating a recipe, and offering samples, and recipe cards.
- Town Square is the place to be on a Friday evening June through August when we invite the community to our **Summer Concert Series** to enjoy the music of some of the finest local musicians while taking in the charming atmosphere of Downtown Northville.
- The **Tunes on Tuesdays Concerts** invite children and their parents to enjoy the outdoors during a very hip concert series held in Town Square mid June through mid August. Guests are also entertained by musicians, magicians, and puppeteers during the hour.
- **Historic Mill Race Village** is a favorite Sunday activity for visitors from June through October as they walk the grounds and relive the Victorian era with docents on hand to share the history of each building.
- Additionally, some of Northville's **annual events** have been community favorites for more than 20 years.

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| January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fire and Ice – This annual event features area restaurants vying for the top prize during the popular chili and salsa cook off competition, ice sculptures, and ice carving demonstrations. ■ Movies at the Marquis – Everyone has their list of favorite classic movies that they could watch over and over again so why not see a few of them the way they were meant to be seen . . . on the big screen at the historic Marquis Theatre. |
| February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Daddy Daughter Dance – "Little girls" can dance the night away with their daddies. |
| March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Taste of Northville Business Showcase – The annual family-themed showcase is always fun as it features interactive exhibits from retail, service, and professional businesses. |
| April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ State of the Community – The luncheon offers the opportunity to hear from City and Township officials on the future of the Northville community. ■ Arbor Day Seedling Give-away – Observed as an official state holiday in Michigan since 1885, the Beautification Commission of the Charter Township of Northville and City of Northville jointly host the event where Arbor Day seedlings are made available at no charge to City, Township, and Northville School District residents. |

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- May

 - **Flower Days** – Guests can load up on great finds from over 20 top-rated greenhouses and garden shops at the annual favorite.
 - **Memorial Day Parade** – Everyone loves a parade; and this is one of the favorites as visitors observe the national holiday.
- June

 - **Art in the Sun** - The streets of Downtown Northville close to display a brilliant show of art featuring over 100 exhibitors from surrounding states who take part in this annual festive, juried art show.
- July

 - **Independence Day Parade** – A perfect kick-off to the 4th of July celebrations.
- August

 - **Sidewalk Sales** – Visitors can find great deals from local merchants at the popular summer sales.
- September

 - **Victorian Festival** – Guests can journey back through time to a simpler era as they experience the art, history, and romance of the 1800's.
- October

 - **Cemetery Walk** – Oakwood Cemetery comes alive with historical figures sharing their stories. Oakwood Cemetery is Northville's oldest, with graves dating back to the early 1800's. During this program, leaders guide visitors on a tour through gravesites at which costumed actors portray citizens from the past.
 - **Oktoberfest** – The two-day annual event features food, entertainment, and many other family-friendly activities.
 - **Color the Town** – The community welcomes in fall by decorating Downtown Northville with cornstalks, pumpkins, hay bales, and mums.
- November

 - **Holiday Lighted Parade** – Northville's community, civic groups, and businesses delight visitors with brightly decorated floats during the annual kick-off to the holidays.
- December

 - **Hometown Holidays** – Unique shopping, dining, and entertainment are featured in Downtown Northville including free horse and carriage rides and a fragrant Holiday Greens Market to purchase your holiday wreaths and trimmings.