

From: [Brian McCafferty](#)
To: [Brian Turnbull](#)
Cc: [Lori Ward](#); [Michelle Massel](#); [Dennis Engerer](#)
Subject: Statement to City Council on May 2nd, 2022
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 5:03:04 PM

Hello to you all,

I wanted to address a few problems with our City street closures. They have caused undo stress to all of the surrounding streets like Dunlop, Cady, and Wing, amongst many others. It's also added a fair amount of dangerous pockets with far too many accidents over what used to be the norm, just ask our police officers.

I also wanted to add one more thing re the street closures. I've been told at times that I signed up for City life, albeit a tiny City. But so did our businesses. They signed leases for their indoor restaurants and such with zero expectations of these City closed streets for their businesses to gain large windfalls well beyond their agreements. Center Street was only closed so that all was fair and evenly equitable for all in our downtown. Center Street Grille has been granted windfalls far beyond all others times two or even three times all others. Their "normal" outdoor seating is/was already greater than the current, streets closed, outdoor seating at 40 plus diners only on the sidewalk and a parking spot or two with traffic still flowing. They are the primary reason Center Street is still closed and that's not just wrong, but it's not even close to "fair and evenly equitable" for all other businesses.

Cities are born by building streets first, closing them down later is certain to close that same City! Let's get Northville back to the greatness it's always had to be proud of. It's annual festivals, sidewalk dining in the Summer months, and two very busy streets back to serving the purpose they were built for to begin with!!

Sincerely,

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From: [Dorothy Gowen](#)
To: [Lori Ward](#)
Subject: Downtown Survey
Date: Monday, April 11, 2022 6:31:07 PM

I have tried to complete the survey you sent me, but am unable to scroll past the first question.

I am a Livonia resident who USED to shop in Northville frequently. My only recent visit to Northville was to Northville Watch and Clock to have a watch repaired. The street barriers make the city look SO VERY tacky. I am very able to navigate the parking situation, but have no desire to shop there anymore. My neighbors who are less mobile are unable to come because they can't walk the great distances required since the street closure.

From: [Jessica Howlin](#)
To: [Lori Ward](#)
Subject: FW: "...only a few responses"
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 11:32:11 AM

From: Dave Gaddis <gaddisdj@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 8:07 PM
To: Jeri Johnson <JJohnson@ci.northville.mi.us>; Jessica Howlin <jhowlin@ci.northville.mi.us>
Subject: "...only a few responses"

A wide-open, paths-unrestricted to vehicle and pedestrian traffic is the best strategy to encouraging people to visit our incomparable downtown community. The traffic barriers, turn restrictions, etc., signals to visitors that something is amiss. It's time to embrace the normalization that attracted us to this town 35 years ago.

Dave Gaddis

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From: [Gary Flohr](#)
To: [Lori Ward](#)
Subject: Downtown Roads
Date: Sunday, April 24, 2022 11:45:11 AM

We want the roads open again to ease our visits to the downtown stores and businesses. The Outdoor structures haven't been getting any use since Winter of 2021.

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Gary Flohr
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From: [Michael Kloeckner](#)
To: [Lori Ward](#)
Subject: Downtown town streets closing
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 8:05:28 AM

Thanks for asking.

A little about myself: age 69, male, & retired. Also I live 1 mile from downtown and walk to downtown about once per month just to get outside.

As far as my covid info. I am vaxed and boused, and don't ware a mask unless it's mandatory. I do shop and din in town at least ones per week and the streets in town being blocked does not bother me either way.

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April 25, 2022 Phone Conversation with Joyce Fraleigh

Ms. Fraleigh moved to Northville 7 ½ years ago from California and was drawn to Northville because of its small-town charm. The Pandemic has impacted the community's ability to use the downtown. However, now people are traveling again and the community should open back up. The closure of N. Center Street is very inconvenient and created a dangerous bypass along Wing Street, both north and south of Main Street. With the street closures, it is very difficult to get downtown. Ms. Fraleigh believes that Center Street should be reopened and that Main Street could stay closed. With the cold months, nobody is using the closed streets and it looks like a "war zone".

From: downtownnorthville.com@mg.accunetcloud.com on behalf of [Downtown Northville Website](#)
To: [Lori Ward](#)
Subject: New submission from Contact Us
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:17:50 PM

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Message

Is there anyway you could PLEASE re-open the downtown streets to allow traffic to flow northbound? A lot of people have been surveyed in regards to the closure for local magazines & other publications, and we all agree it's time to reopen our streets (at least during the week). Why do we continue to close the downtown in the winter??? I did not see large crowds of people sitting outside in our below freezing temps.

I have a brand new driver that needs to drive to the Novi Sports Club 4-5 times a week. It is extremely dangerous for her to drive up Beck Road with the excessive traffic & 3-4 large potholes she encounters heading northbound. I have called & reported the potholes to Wayne County twice, but they never seem to get fixed. My daughter said it was very scary getting to practice today. Also if she heads up Sheldon, turns right on Cady, & then turns left on Griswold & then another left onto 8 mile...she has to encounter more Wayne county potholes & the bridge that is forever under construction.

I hope I have plead my case properly. I beg you....please open our main roads so our young drivers (& us) can head northbound safely without injury. I never eat or shop downtown anymore because of the road closure. Parking is limited & honestly it's just easier to avoid the area.

Thank you for listening to my concern,
Jen Thompson

From: [John G Dodge](#)
To: [Lori Ward](#)
Subject: Open the streets
Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022 6:20:17 PM

Open the streets. It is time!

From: [David Denski](#)
To: [Lori Ward](#)
Subject: Rebeccas / center st .
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 9:37:58 PM

Hi there

I Spoke with Teresa today about the street closure she said she was gathering opinions and I just wanted to send you my thoughts

I'm very torn, when The weather is good everything is great everyone is busy people are enjoying the downtown . When the weather is not ideal its like a ghost town and feels like were cut off from all signs of life.

We do have a lot of people giving feedback , older people and some that just have a hard time walking a little bit of a distance do complain they can't pull up in front of the restaurant or any of the other businesses and get dropped off especially in the winter

I do feel in the winter center st gets very little business compared to Main Street, to the point it's honestly not worth being closed. There's not enough benefit For the inconvenience of having the street closed in the winter . I'm there late most nights and it's just dead dead !

The people that ate outside during the winter, mostly at center st . was because they had no choice they we're forced to during the pandemic , but nobody's going to choose to sit out in the cold if they can sit inside now .

I certainly don't want to sound like my neighbor lol

But the situation in the parking lot behind us in conjunction with the street closure has turned into such a nightmare even the police are saying that cars are being sideswiped left and right and that exact thing almost happened to me two days ago there's not enough room when somebody's coming out of the only exit and you're turning in if you're going to scrape the side of the car next to you if they are not pulled over far enough which they never are .

My other concern I wanted to bring up because a lot of people are asking ,when the Exchange finishes their construction project and I'm assuming increasing their seating capacity?? and the old Tuscan location is fully occupied with tenants ,how many more cars will that potentially add to that back lot??

Im no expert but I have a feeling it will be an amount much much more than that lot can handle .

My customers, friends ,residents , neighbors and many other businesses all have made the same comments, they feel the city is overlooking the obvious future parking problems and they are surprised there is no plan in place , unless there is and it has not been publicly talked about .

I just wanted to add my two cents and what I've been hearing over the last few months from everyone , thanks for your time and all that you do .

Rebecca

From: [Ron Gavel](#)
To: [Lori Ward](#)
Subject: Downtown street closure
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 7:42:02 PM

We strongly suggest that the streets be open again. We go to Plymouth now to enjoy their downtown because their city is all open. We miss our downtown.
Ron and Cheryl Gavel

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laura Harrington](#)
To: [Lori Ward](#)
Date: Friday, April 15, 2022 6:24:30 PM

Please open up the streets! I never come downtown anymore. It just isn't friendly and reminds me of construction!

Laura Harrington