

Mayor's Message

It is the beginning of June as I write this and the beginning of summer is here. The school year at Mona Shores has come to an end and my kids will be off on their summer adventures. It is a milestone in my household as my youngest is finishing her last year of elementary school. We will have two in middle school next year. Time sure does fly.



Gary Nelund, Mayor

Speaking of time flying, I am in my seventh year as Mayor and enjoying the role and responsibilities more than ever. I truly love our City and enjoy promoting all of the wonderful things we can do here. This summer we are looking forward to attending the Arts & Drafts Festival on August 20th. We enjoy the art fair, the music tent, the car show, and new this year the festival is hosting a softball tournament. The trails are completed in Black Lake Park, so we will be spending time out there hiking and enjoying the natural areas of the park.

As we all know, summer is road construction season and many roads will be worked on this year (see page 3). The Airline Road project is the largest for this year and is already nearing completion. Many local streets will be resurfaced as well. Thank you for your patience as your normal commute pattern may be affected.

Enjoy this time with family and friends. It truly is a wonderful time of the year.

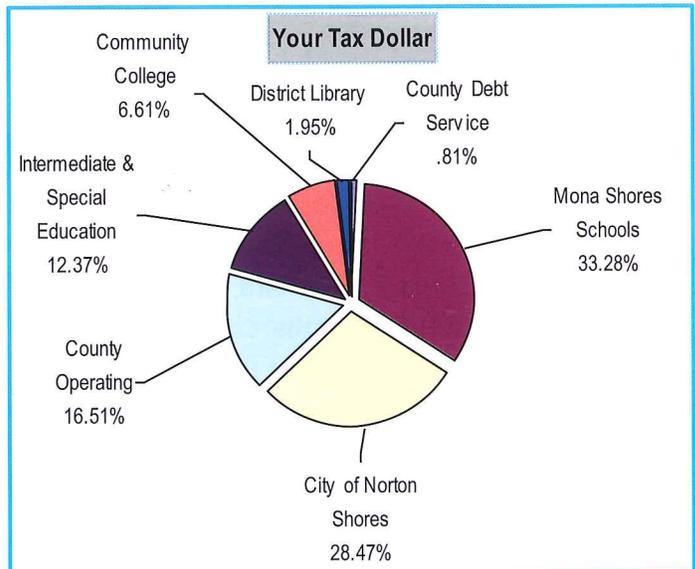
The City maintains a [facebook](#) page so check us out and stay informed on job openings and other activities in and around Norton Shores. www.facebook.com

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

In May the City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. Below is a breakdown by individual Fund:

General	\$10,069,671
Major Streets	\$2,327,427
Local Streets	\$531,119
Municipal Roads	\$1,627,710
Solid Waste	\$765,757
Local Improvement	\$135,000
Building	\$572,068
Tax Increment Finance Authority	\$809,649
Brownfield Redevelopment	\$121,515
Public Safety	\$1,084,479
Community Development	\$114,423
Capital Improvement	\$2,710,227
Industrial Development	\$240,000
Water & Sewer	\$7,329,125
Equipment Revolving	\$1,002,806
TOTAL	\$29,440,976

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.

Election Update

The City Clerk’s Office is preparing for what could be a record-setting year for voter turnout. We would like to remind you that if you are 60 years of age or older you can avoid waiting in line at the polls by voting via absentee ballot. The deadlines for registering to vote or changing your address are Tuesday, July 5th for the August Primary Election and Tuesday, October 11th for the November General Election.

Please feel free to contact the City Clerk’s office at 798-4391 option #2 and our staff will be happy to assist you.

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 May 1.

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.

Continuing Improvements to Black Lake Park

Black Lake Park is a 58 acre parcel, located near the southern boundary of Norton Shores, between Wood Road and the eastern shoreline of Little Black Lake. The park provides passive recreation opportunities for nature lovers with a number of bird, animal, and plant species to observe. In 2015, the City was awarded a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant to acquire 13 additional acres representing 1,100 feet of Little Black Lake shoreline. Recent installments to the northern loop include raised boardwalks in addition to the observation deck, and the southern loop is ADA compliant including the observation deck. There is also a picnic area with several picnic tables, a grill for cooking, and ADA compliant restrooms. Future plans for the park include additional nature trails and a possible launch facility for kayaks and canoes.



Mark your calendar for **Saturday August 20, 2016**

Schedule of Events

- 8 a.m. Arts & Dash 5k Run/Walk
- 10 a.m. Arts & Crafts Fair (until 5 p.m.)
- 10 a.m. Arts & Play Kids Fun Zone (until 2 p.m.)
- 11 a.m. Arts & Wheels Car Show
- Noon Beverage Tents & Live Music (until 11 p.m.)

Live Entertainment

- Noon - 3 p.m. *Global Village*
- 4 - 7 p.m. *Onager*
- 8 - 11 p.m. *Yard Sale Underwear*

Ross Park, 82 Randall Road

For more information, visit us at:

www.shoresartsanddrafts.com



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.

Roadwork for the 2016 Construction Season

Road Resurfacing (Road Millage Funding)

- Brookwood Drive, Rood Road east to cul-de-sac
- Cherry Avenue, Thompson Road to east end
- Davis Road, Brookwood Drive to Hile Road
- Grand Avenue, Grand Haven Road to East Byron Road
- Lakeshore Boulevard, Green Street to cul-de-sac
- Mt. Garfield Road, Grand Haven Road to US-31
- Norton Avenue, Seaway Drive to Seminole Road
- Norton Hills Road, to Applewood
- Oak Hollow Court, Treeline Drive to cul-de-sac
- Pontaluna Road, US-31 to Harvey Street
- Summit Avenue, Getty Street to Stratford Street

Road Reconstruction (Road Millage Funding)

- Airline Road, US-31 to Shettler Road
- Hendrick Road and Stanwood Street, Henry Street to Churchill Drive
- Norton Hills Road, Norcrest Drive to Applewood Lane

Sidewalk Improvements

- Harvey Street (westside), Sternberg Road to Mt. Garfield Road
- Henry Street, (westside), Forest Park Road to Seminole Road

Total cost of projects = \$4,071,912



Public Safety Open House

Saturday, September 24, 2016

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—
Police K-9 Demonstrations—Fire Truck/
Police Cruiser Displays—Child ID Cards

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—2016

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 24, Thursday, August 25 and Saturday, August 27, 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.



City Park Rules

Norton Shores is very fortunate to have a wide variety of parks that provide natural areas from trails through the woods, beach front on Lake Michigan and Mona Lake and multiple sport offerings.

A few simple rules followed by all will create an enjoyable and safe environment for everyone.

- Dogs must be kept on a leash and the owner must maintain control at all times. We appreciate your cooperation.
- Alcohol is only allowed in the picnic area at Ross Park.

