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Mill Race Village COVID-19 Closure Statement

In the interest of protecting our members, our staff, our volunteers and the general public, Mill Race Village is following the guidelines established by Governor Whitmer for business closures due to COVID-19.

Any changes Governor Whitmer makes to the guidelines will be adopted by **Mill Race Village**.

For now, the village is **closed through April 30th, 2020**. If that changes, we will update this statement. During this time, the grounds of Mill Race Village are open for exercise and dog walking. Please maintain 6 feet between yourself and other walkers. Please stay off the building porches and do not try to open the building doors. They are all locked.

Our dedicated staff is continuing to work from home during this closing. Previously booked private events are being handled on a case-by-case basis by our business director, Jennifer Luikart. You can reach her at:

jluikart@millracenorthville.org

Billing and finance questions please email our finance manager, Marti Murdock at:

mmurdock@millracenorthville.org

Our archivist, Paul Snyder is available to answer archive and history questions at:

psnyder@millracenorthville.org

If you have questions about Mill Race Village and this temporary closure, please email our executive director, Leanie Bayly, at:

lbayly@millracenorthville.org

Mill Race Village is gratefully accepting donations on our website:

www.millracenorthville.org

Scroll to the bottom of the home page to find the yellow DONATE button.

Please also check our website and Facebook page regularly for announcements.

Upcoming Events:

Patriot's Day – April 18 th - **postponed to future date**.

Lecture Series: Detroit Central Market – April 29 th at 7:00 pm – **cancelled**.

The buildings will be open on Sunday afternoons for the summer, beginning on June 14th running through mid-October.

Dreams Really Do Come True! Cady Inn Kitchen Renovation Project

By Jennifer Luikart

Thanks to a generous donation from one of our members, the Cady Inn Kitchen is getting a much needed facelift!

When the kitchen was built in 1987, the NHS made do with what we had and what was donated. Gone is the laundry basin and the small, shallow single basin stainless steel sink. Also gone are the 2x4's that were used to create some of the countertop. We've tried to make the kitchen design simple enough to compliment the historic Inn, but still be a much more usable space for our staff, volunteers and for those who rent the Inn for parties. Our tea committee will be very pleased to find they now have more storage for China and our Stone Gang and Archives and Grounds and Event volunteers have a place for coffee, tea and mugs that they keep on hand in the Inn for their use on volunteer days!

New lower cabinets are in place, new maple butcher block will be put on all surfaces, a beautiful new double basin sink and restaurant style faucet have been installed. The design plan also calls for new under-cabinet lighting to be installed along with a new base cabinet next to the refrigerator to hold the microwave, opening up the counters for more prep space. All upper cabinets doors will be refitted to match the lower cabinets.



Measure twice, kick a hole in the wall once.



Stone Gangers enjoy their traditional Tuesday Morning donut klatch.

The cabinets have been painted a lighter shade of green and yellow, complimenting the rest of the interior paint in the Cady Inn. The walls are also being refreshed. The work has been put on hold because of the pandemic, but our crew will be back at work as soon as it is safe to do so.

Thank you to the Stone gang, especially project leads, Kirt Holder , Mike DeFrancesco and Ed Flayer. Many thanks to our generous donor, who has asked to remain anonymous.

*If you are considering making a donation and would like it to be earmarked for a special project, please feel free to contact us to discuss some of our needs and how you

CAN YOU HELP NORTHLVILLE CIVIC CONCERN?

During these anxious times, there is no greater anxiety than not knowing where your next meal will come from. Many of us in Northville are in a position to help with that.

Northville Civic Concern is open and is accepting food donations and monetary gifts. Donation drop off is Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and Fridays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. You can pull up at the door and a volunteer will take your donation. You do not have to get out of your car.

The greatest needs at this time are canned fruit, oatmeal, breakfast bars, canned tuna, pasta sides, bread and soap of any kind. But anything will be greatly appreciated.

You can also make a monetary donation from your home by going to their website <https://northvillevolunteer.wixsite.com/civicconcern> and clicking on the “donate” button.

Northville Civic Concern is located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center at 43275 W. 7 Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167.



Operation Proud Mary

by Paul Snyder

Many of you may have noticed that, for some time, the big wheel across from Mill Race Village has not been turning. Like a mast without a sail, a lamp without a bulb, or a lock without a key, the Northville Water Wheel is shy one functioning trashrack. The 100-year-old trashrack located on Mill Race Village property is broken. Its job is to prevent damaging debris from reaching the water wheel, so the race had to be closed.

The obvious solution is to replace the trashrack. That may sound simple but search as we might, all the local hardware stores were fresh out. A new one will have to be fabricated at the cost of an estimated \$25,000. Taking a cue from the lady waiving a coffee can of change at Marty McFly to “save the Clock Tower” in the movie [Back to the Future](#), we will be spearheading an effort to raise enough funds to replace the trashrack. This repair will restore the water wheel to its former glory as a symbol of our industrial heritage. If you wish to participate in this initiative, please submit your donation to the Northville Historical Society specifically earmarked for this project. We thank you in advance for your interest.



2020 Lecture Series Update

A near capacity crowd attended the first lecture of our series on January 29. Kicking off our 2020 season we were honored to have newly elected Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull speaking on a subject he knows so well, Northville History. This is the second year in a row that Mr. Turnbull has led off our lecture series, the previous year sharing the contributions of his civic minded parents, the late Bruce Turnbull and Rita Heatley Turnbull. You might say the Mayor is carrying on the family business of serving, boosting, and preserving the history of Northville.



Balcony seating was made available for the capacity crowd.



Mayor Turnbull always keeps the attention of his audience.

Head of Adult Services Librarian from the Northville District Library, Wendy Mutch assisted the Mayor acting as technical director. Staffing the projector, she engaged the pace of the lecture and controlled the displayed media offered to enhance the message. After an extended question and answer period the lecture concluded with appreciative applause for our presenters.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the lecture on Northville's role in abolition from Rochelle Danquah, how the Model T Changed America with Don Lacombe, and the Preservation Efforts for Detroit's Historic Central Market by Deb Reid. We don't know yet when or if our 2020 lecture series will be able to resume but please refer to our website at millracenorthville.org for further developments.

