

Buzz Report

April 16, 2026



Hot Topics:

- **State Representative Breen Hosting May Event at Novi Civic Center**
Michigan State Representative Kelly Breen will be hosting a Roundtable Discussion event in the Banquet Quarter of the Novi Civic Center on Friday, May 15th from 2:30 - 4:30PM.
- **New Informational Webpage for Public ROW and Telcom Providers Launched**
In light of the increase in telecommunications utility work in various areas throughout the City and the increased questions on the matter from residents, the City has launched a webpage (<https://cityofnovi.org/row>) to help educate on the topic. The webpage explains public right-of-way (ROW), how the Michigan Metro Act applies to the Telcom providers and local government, provides answers to Frequently Asked Questions, and provides contacts for the Telcom companies currently doing work.
- **Novi Special Water Tower Paint Inquiry**
Resident Larry Ciancio reached out to the City expressing concern that the paint on the Novi Special Water Tower appeared to be peeling. Following this, City staff performed a drone inspection to check on the status of the current paint job and found that current paint job is indeed degrading in several places. The next steps are currently being determined.
- **New SMART Route Launch, 350 Wixom**
SMART will be launching a new, local fixed-route bus service on the projected date of Monday, April 20th. 250 Wixom is a community-oriented route with stops in downtown Wixom, northwestern Novi, downtown Walled Lake, the Walled Lake municipal complex, and southern Commerce Township running 7 days a week. Timetables will be posted on the smartbus.org website ahead of launch to assist with trip planning. The Novi stops on the south side of Pontiac Trail are Beck, Wellington, Wedgewood, and Novi Square Shopping Center.
- **Eight Mile Bridge over CSX Railroad**
City staff recently attended a virtual pre-construction conference with the Wayne County Department of Public Services (WCDPS) and their contractor, E. C. Korneffel Company, regarding the \$3M bridge deck replacement project on 8 Mile Road over the CSX Railroad. The tentative schedule is to close the bridge completely on March 2, 2026, and to reopen for traffic on August 15, 2026 (5 ½ months). Access from Novi Road and to Brickscape Drive will remain open throughout the construction.

Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Status Update:

14 MILE TRANSMISSION WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT: Northbound and southbound Novi and Decker Roads have been reopened to traffic at 14 Mile Road. The mainline pipe crew continues on 14 Mile Road between Kingswood Boulevard and M-5. It will take the contractor a couple weeks to complete the final connections to the existing water main at each end of the replacement project area.

<https://www.glwater.org/14milemainproject/>

Road Construction Projects:

At City Council's request the Administrative ePacket will now include the Weekly Road Construction Updates put together by our Department of Public Works engineering team. This same information is used to update the Better Roads Ahead section of the City webpage in a more easily digestible format for the public <https://cityofnovi.org/betterroadsahead/>

Community and Economic Development Project Updates:

Map of Development projects

- **Cantaritos Fiesta Mexican Restaurant** (Former Chili's Grill & Bar) – 8 Mile/Haggerty Road
The former Chili's location in the City's southeast corner is planned to soon become a new Mexican restaurant following necessary renovations and upgrades to the interior of the building. Estimated Completion Date: **Significant progress has been made, and we could see them open as early as next week.**
- **Big Fireworks (47500 Grand River)**
A former TCF Bank located on the NW Corner of Beck and Grand River (Behind No. VI Coffee and the Chopped Olive Restaurant) is being developed into a permanent Fireworks store. The building was purchased by its current owner for \$2.5 million last November. We expect them to be open leading into the summer fireworks season.
- **Supra Revolving Sushi** (Former Bar Louie) – 12 Mile Crossing
The space recently vacated by Bar Louie is set to become a new revolving sushi restaurant. Initial permits have been issued. There is not yet a timeline for when they plan to open.
- **Central Park South – Beck Road, South of Grand River Ave**
The former Central Park Estates project has been redesigned and is being treated as a new project by planning. New multiple-family development with 106 units in a single 5-story building. The site improvements include parking on the first level of part of the building, garages, and related open spaces. Awaiting submission of Final Site Plan for review.
- **Providence Meadows – Grand River Ave, West of Providence Parkway**
Proposed rezoning of 31 acres from Light Industrial to High Density Multiple Family to develop 161 townhome units. Next steps will be initial PRO Plan consideration by Planning Commission and City Council. At the January 14th Planning Commission meeting this project received initial feedback (no votes were taken) and will come before Council soon for their initial input (again, *not* for action, just initial feedback).
- **Grand-Beck Development – Grand River east of Beck Road**
Fuel station, convenience store, and Clean Express car wash to be built on a vacant parcel. Preliminary Site Plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Awaiting submission of Final Site Plan for review. Estimated Completion Date: Unknown
- **Taft Knolls III – Taft Rd, north of 10 Mile Rd**
The Site plan for a Single-Family Residential Development of 13 new homes is now under construction.

- **North Eight Kitchen & Cocktails** (Former Border Cantina) – Novi Road north of Eight Mile
New restaurant by the owners of Benstein Grille in Commerce. Modified site plan with building additions and remodel has been approved by Planning Commission and Zoning Board. Interior Demolition work has commenced as of September. A Foundation-only permit has been issued for the exterior additions.
Estimated Completion Date: Unknown
- **Novi 10 (10 Mile and Novi Road)**
The applicant for the proposed development at 10 Mile and Novi Road has returned with a revised concept for their proposal. The drafting of their PRO agreement is underway.
- **Novi Acres (FKA Station Flats)**
The owners of the property in between Target and Sam's recently submitted a new Preliminary Site Plan, under the new name of Novi Acres. The previously planned project, known as Station Flats, has been scuttled.
- **Camelot Parc/Avalon** by Village of Stonebrook
Townhomes for sale with garages, fewer units (currently zoned PSLR so a special land use approval will come before council for a decision). They last went before City Council on [February 23rd](#) for a tentative approval of their PSLR Agreement and Concept plan.
- **El Car Wash** (Former PNC Bank) – Grand River Ave/12 Mile Rd
Complete and now open.
- **El Car Wash # 2** (former Original \$6 Car Wash) - Novi Road and 96
Permits have been issued
- **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers** (Former Wendy's) – Novi Rd/Grand River Ave
The Louisiana-based fast food chain Raising Cane's is planning to take over the space in the near future. Permits issued.
*Estimated Completion Date: **Late 2026***
- **Primrose School** (Former Whitehall nursing home) – 10 Mile/Novi Road
The former Whitehall nursing home at 43455 Ten Mile Rd has been demolished and Primrose School, a 13,586 square feet private preschool and daycare center, is [now completed](#).
- **Transformco (Former Sears at Twelve Oaks)**
Spaces for [a Dicks House of Sport, Round 1 Arcade and Bowling, and Primark](#). Nearly all the external work has been completed. A Revised Structural package has been approved and work is now underway. *Estimated Completion Date: **Spring/Summer 2026***

Ordinance Enforcement Updates:

- **DICE (24555 Novi Rd):** Community Development continues to work with them to clean up graffiti on the back of the building. Their plans for a car wash are set to expire very soon.

Frequently Asked Questions:

None at current