

TEAM



Fuerst Field of Honor

Rain didn't wash out the 2025 edition of Fuerst Field of Honor. Instead, the event was held indoors at the Novi Civic Center. Nearly 110 veterans and guests participated and were treated to a meal provided by Mission BBQ. The Choralaires, Novi Scouts, and Geff Philips and Friends Band performed at the event. The commemorative flags remained at Fuerst Park through the Memorial Day weekend.

Memorial Day Parade

This year's parade included **35 entries** from community organizations to local businesses marching from Meadowbrook Commons to the Novi Civic Center. Holy Family Church allowed for additional parade staging again this year. While veteran participation has declined in recent years, we were fortunate to have **20 local veterans** take part, either walking the route or riding on the veterans' float.



Memorial Day Run

Memorial Day kicked off with the 13th annual Memorial Day 5k and 1-mile run. **More than 370 participants** took part in the race that was supported by full-time and part-time PRCS staff and 20 volunteers.

Water Main Break = PRCS in Action

Almost the entire PRCS staff was put into action in response to the water main break at Lakeshore Park on Friday, June 27. Lakeshore campers were relocated to Camp PowerPlay at the Civic Center, shelter renters were notified of the possibility of it extending into the fully-booked Saturday, the beach and park were closed, site supervisor shifts were altered or cancelled, and porta johns were ordered as a precaution, all within a few hours time. The parks maintenance team provided timely updates of the repair progress to the PRCS office.



INNOVATION

Nature.Nurture.Novi & N3 jr.

Approximately 350 community members enjoyed N3 programs, including the Earth through Arbor Day celebration that included sapling giveaways, a nature hike, birding, garlic mustard pull, and a community celebration. We also launched N3 Jr. programs with dozens of young nature lovers. At Bee-Creative Explorers, participants learned the importance of honeybees from Captain Theisen and created honeycomb art, while Mini Gardeners introduced kids to plant life cycles through hands-on greenhouse building activities.



TRUST

Tax Aide Helps Hundreds

The 2025 Tax Aide program, provided by the AARP Foundation, filled at 460 appointments. More than 20 volunteers spent their Wednesdays, February 5 through April 9 at the Civic Center assisting low and moderate income taxpayers prepare their documents. Novi is the largest site in the region.



GaGa Ball Pit brings Giggles

Ella Mae Power Park is home to a new Gaga Ball pit thanks to Eagle Scout Candidate Jack Hoppesch of Troop 777. Jack is a former camper at Camp Lakeshore, then Counselor in Training, and now a Junior Counselor. The PowerPlay campers are already having a blast using this new park amenity.



COMMITMENT

Summer Camps

2025 marked the first year of resident priority registration, one week ahead of non-residents, for Camp Lakeshore and Camp PowerPlay, still the camps filled within an hour for many of the weeks. Both camps have fantastic reputations with repeat campers and counselors through the years. You may see campers around town in their lime green t-shirts, with the DTE sponsorship logo. Pictured here at The Henry Ford Museum.





Diwali Fest

The first-ever Diwali Fest will take place on Thursday, October 16, 5-8:30pm. Planning is underway with PRCS staff and community members serving on the committee. Sponsorships are currently being sought to assist with the costs of the event including a fireworks display.

INNOVATION

Sizzling Summer Series Burns Brighter

The long-standing Sizzling Summer Art Series has been revamped as the Sizzling Summer Arts and Culture Series. This year, the series includes hands-on art projects, which have proven to be very popular with pre-registration filled, along with cultural performances featuring the Japanese, Indian and Polynesian cultures. The series is sponsored by DTE, DIA, Christian Financial, and the Goddard School.



Strength in Soccer

The Novi Parks Soccer Club has been kicking it into high gear! Following the June tryouts for our select-level teams competing in the WSSL and MSPSP leagues, 540 players joined teams. Our recreational leagues remain strong as well, with more than 225 players already registered for the fall season with more signing up every day. For our youngest athletes, Tiny Tikes Soccer is available for 3-year-olds to learn the very basics and have fun!



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