



# 2024 Mackinac Island Grand Experience

Novi's Older Adult Services partnered with mParks (Michigan Recreation and Park Association) to offer residents the "Mackinac Island Grand Experience." This was the third consecutive year that Novi has participated. On October 15, 54 Novi residents and their guests joined over 550 older adults for four days at the iconic Grand Hotel.

The experience included travel to Mackinac Island, a carriage tour, gourmet dining, nightly dancing to the Grand Hotel Orchestra, and daily activities. Participants enjoyed ballroom dancing lessons, a Grand Hotel history lecture, wine tasting with a sommelier, biking and walking around the island, and friendly competitions in bocce ball and putting tournaments. The trip left attendees with lasting memories, new friendships, and full hearts (and stomachs).

This program exemplified the department's core value of excellence by collaborating with mParks to provide this exceptional experience for the Novi community.



| Grand Experience 2024        | Stats                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Novi Participants            | 54                       |
| Total Seniors at the hotel   | 562                      |
| Number of Cities represented | 11                       |
| Event Supervisor             | K. Kieser<br>M. Lachance |

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