

Buzz Report

June 18, 2025



Hot Topics:

- **Safety of Public Officials**

At a recent community event City staff were asked about the safety of public officials in light of the tragic events in Minnesota. Chief Zinser assured participants of the meeting that the Novi PD monitors intelligence gathered regarding possible events and has local officials' addresses flagged in their system.

- **August 5th Ballots**

The Clerks office has received the ballots for the August 5th election. Staff have begun the process of stuffing them for their mailing to 14,000 voters later this month.

- **Proposed Bowman Development Hits Press**

As anticipated, news of Mr. Bowman's ambitious plans for a multi-use, \$250M development in the City West region was featured in Crain's Detroit Business on May 27th. City offices have since received several inquiries on the matter, though it should be noted that we have not yet received any formal application for any part of the planned development. It is expected that other news sources will be circulating the story further in coming days, generating interest among the wider populace.

[Crain's Detroit Business](#)

[Fox 2 News](#)



- **Twelve Oaks Mall Updates**

[The Detroit News](#) published an article regarding the three planned new tenants (Dick's House of Sport, Round1 Bowling, and Primark) for the vacant Sears space, with anticipated openings noted as 2026. It also briefly notes a planned relocation of the Pottery Barn store to a larger space within the mall, and the recent closure of Forever 21 due to bankruptcy.

- **August 5th Northville Schools Special Election**

Northville Public Schools' Board of Education has approved an Authorizing Resolution

to hold a special election on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Northville Schools have 3 precincts in Novi that will have their proposal on their ballot: precincts 16, 24, and 25 (approx. 7,000 voters).

Their Ballot Proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the building and site sinking fund millage that expires with the 2025 tax levy. More specifically, it proposes the renewal of the currently authorized millage rate of .9357 mill for a period of ten years (2026 – 2035) to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of instructional technology; etc.

- **Luna (east side of Main St.) Property Maintenance**

They were given a 90 day (07/03/2025) deadline. The scope of work to be performed:

1. Replace all bollards
2. Remove all planter boxes and replace them with ground-level tree grates. The tree grate style was provided by Rick Meader. City of Novi to replace trees.
3. Repair all concrete.

Staff spoke with a representative from Luna on 5/6/25, and they are on schedule for the deadline.

Development Project Updates:

[Map of Development projects](#)

- **New Businesses**

Last week Novi welcomed **IAV** to the North Equities Office Park (east of M-5 and north of 12 Mile Road). IAV is a German engineering company that specializes in developing and validating technology solutions for the automotive industry, focusing on powertrain, electronics, and vehicle development. IAV has about 55 employees at their Novi location. They join **Gentherm**, who moved to that same office park from Northville earlier this year. Gentherm uses its expertise in thermal management and pneumatic technologies to enhance comfort, health, wellness, and energy efficiency in both the automotive and medical sectors.



- **Feldman Kia PRO**

Approval was given to Feldman Kia by the Planning Commission at their April 9th meeting. This matter appeared before Council at the May 5th meeting.

- **Station Flats**

The owners submitted a new plan, it has not made its way to the website as staff awaits additional materials. We believe the new name is Novi Acres. The planned project in between Target and Sam's has been scuttled and there are no proposals to continue with it in its current form

- **Camelot Parc/Avalon** by Village of Stonebrook

Townhomes for sale with garages, fewer units (currently zoned under a special land use, which council will have a decision)

- **El Car Wash # 2 will take over the Original \$6 Car Wash on Novi Road and 96**

- **Elm Creek PRO (Meadowbrook and 12 Mile development)**

The residential development [proposed by Toll Brothers](#) (two-phased 134-unit multiple-family townhome development) has been halted, and they will not be proceeding with construction. It would appear this is a result of a property dispute between the owners of the parcel.

- **El Car Wash** (Former PNC Bank) – Grand River Ave/12 Mile Rd

UPDATE – Permits have been issued, foundations are in, and the building shell is under construction. Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2025

- **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: Late Spring or Summer 2025

- **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers** (Former Wendy's) – Novi Rd/Grand River Ave
The Novi Wendy's location at 26245 Novi Rd recently closed as part of a company plan to shutter 140 locations nationwide. The Louisiana-based fast food chain Raising Cane's is planning to take over the space in the near future. **UPDATE** – A preliminary site plan has been submitted for review as of late May.

Estimated Completion Date: Currently Unknown (no submittals to date, project scope unclear)

- **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 foot private preschool and daycare center, is currently being built on the former site. When completed, is estimated to be able to have 202 children during its peak hours.

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2025

Frequently Asked Questions:

None at current