

Buzz Report

August 20, 2026



Hot Topics:

- **FLOCK Camera Signs**

Earlier this week, one of our officers was on patrol overnight and noted a yard sign placed in front of one of the FLOCK cameras in the City. Code Compliance canvassed the City the following day to ensure there were no other signs illegally placed in the right-of-way.



- **Deer Population Concerns**

While residents may encounter deer in neighborhoods and some homeowners experience landscape damage, local data does not indicate that Novi has an overpopulation requiring a deer management program. During the period reviewed (January of 2025 through July 29, 2026) Novi recorded 2,101 reported crashes citywide, with 122 (approximately 6%) involving a vehicle and deer. The Novi Police Department has indicated that these numbers do not currently present a public safety concern. Deer population management is a complex issue regulated in part by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and must consider local data, habitat, environmental impacts, public safety, and community priorities. At this time, Novi does not have a deer management program underway.

- **Start of 2026 NSRP and Associated Tree Removals**

Work for the 2026 NSP (Neighborhood Sidewalk Program) began on **Monday, July 13th, 2026**. The initial work will be contractor PPM mobilizing to begin tree removal's in previously marked and notified locations where tree removals are to occur as part of the NSP program throughout the City of Novi.

The subdivision of WESTRIDGE DOWNS work will be executed starting in September, this includes all sidewalk and tree work along WESTRIDGE LN, and GALWAY Dr.

Once the tree removals are complete contractor Major Construction Group will begin sidewalk/concrete work. The first three subdivisions that Major will be working in will be North Haven Woods, Haverhill, and Woods of Novi. Once completed in these three developments, Major will continue working through the remaining subdivisions included in this years NSP program. Sidewalk panel marking / notifications via door hangers and yard signs will occur 2-3 weeks ahead of Major beginning work, with a final notification flyer being distributed approximately one week ahead of concrete work beginning.

Community Relations, in coordination with the Department of Public Works (DPW), sent an informational letter to addresses in the following subdivisions where a tree is marked for removal to help explain the program, the reason trees are being removed, and the possibility of trees being replaced once the program is completed: North Haven Woods, Haverhill Farms, Woods of Novi, Whispering Meadows, Westridge Downs, Royal Crown Estates, Addington, Broadmoor Park, Mockingbird, Simmons Orchard, Cedarspring Estates, Settlers Creek, Camborne, and Homestead Condos.

The Sidewalk Repair Program webpage has also been updated with the latest information. You can see example of the signage and door hangers to be used on the webpage: <https://cityofnovi.org/sidewalkrepairprogram/>

Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Status Update:

14 MILE TRANSMISSION WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT: **The long wait has finally come to an end, The contractor fully reopened 14 Mile Road for the full length on Tuesday, August 4th!** They will utilize temporary traffic markings for a few weeks until RCOC's pavement marking contractor can place the permanent ones. There is also a fair amount of restoration (minor grading, planting grass and replacement trees, and irrigation fixes) needed on the overall project which will be done under flag control and intermittent lane closures.

<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](#)

[Development Projects Webpage](#)

- **Sumo Japanese Grill – 42658 Grand River Ave**

With existing locations in Livonia and Canton, Sumo Japanese Grill recently opened in Novi, offering fast-casual Japanese hibachi-style meals featuring grilled chicken, steak, seafood, vegetables, rice, and noodles.

- **AG3 Labs**

AG3 Labs is a Michigan-based defense technology startup that grew out of engineering research and entrepreneurship at Michigan State University. The company has developed autonomous, low-cost drone systems for military training and counter-drone applications. In 2025, AG3 Labs was one of four global winners of the U.S. Army's xTech Counter Strike competition, earning \$350,000, and the company is now advancing to the second round of the Army's [Drone Dominance Gauntlet](#) at Fort Carson, Colorado.

- **Garner White - 27775 Novi Rd**

Gardner White is relocating its Novi showroom from West Oaks to a new location at 27775 Novi Road, opening August 20.

- **Stars + Honey**

Locally founded protein bar company is opening a manufacturing facility in Novi after expanding its distribution from direct sales to contracts with Target and Costco. Sales have grown roughly 300% over the past 14 months and the company expects \$50 million in revenues this year.

- **Townes at Haggerty** – Haggerty Road just south of 9 Mile

175 townhouses across 26 buildings are proposed on the west side of Haggerty. A public hearing was held before the Planning Commission on May 6th, for their initial review.

- **Hotels at the Adell Center**

Preconstruction meeting complete for Home 2 Suites (5 story/141 rooms), expected start any day. Working to post Financial Guarantees and Schedule preconstruction meeting for Towne Place Suites (5 story/129 guestrooms)

- **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. Permits have been issued and rough inspections are underway. 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. Final Site Plan is now under 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. At the January 14th Planning Commission meeting this project received initial feedback (no votes were taken) and went before Council on May 4th for their initial input. The applicant has resubmitted as a Rezoning/Planned Suburban Low Rise (PSLR) development with 157 units.
- **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. Final Site Plan is now under 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. Permits have been issued and work is underway. *Estimated Completion Date: September 2026*
- **Novi 10** - 10 Mile and Novi Road
Staff sent the developers a draft of the PRO Agreement in early April. Comments have not received any comments back from them so far.
- **Novi Acres (FKA Station Flats)**
The owners of the property between Target and Sam's recently submitted a new Preliminary Site Plan (61 townhome units and a 6,529-square-foot retail building) under the new name of Novi Acres. The previously planned project, known as Station Flats, has been scuttled. The current project is anticipated to be before Planning Commission in July.
- **Camelot Parc/Avalon** by Village of Stonebrook
Townhomes for sale with garages, fewer units (currently zoned PSLR). The development went before City Council on July 27th meeting for final approval of their Planned Suburban Low-Rise (PSLR) Agreement and Concept plan. The associated resolution was approved 5:2.
- **El Car Wash # 2** (former Original \$6 Car Wash) - Novi Road and 96
Permits have been issued. *Estimated Completion Date: August 2026, however, they have several permits that need to be finalized.*
- **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers** (Former Wendy's) – Novi Rd/Grand River Ave
The Louisiana-based fast food chain Raising Cane's has been approved for operation by Oakland County Health and received a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. A final Certificate of Occupancy will be issued upon the completion of some outstanding site work. *Estimated Completion Date: Now Open*
- **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. Construction continues for all 3 future tenants. *Estimated Completion Date*: September 2026 (for Dicks House of Sport). Primark and Round One expected around December 1, 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:

1. ***Does the City of Novi have a Policy or Ordinance regarding e-bikes/electric scooters/electric minibikes (especially on sidewalks)?***

Answer: No, The City of Novi does not *currently* have an ordinance regarding e-bikes or similar toys/vehicles. However, we are aware of the increase in such modes of transport and the safety concerns of pedestrians and non-motorized bikers sharing the sidewalk. Policy/Ordinance options regarding the matter are currently being explored.

2. **Does the City of Novi have Flock Cameras installed/in-service?**

Answer: Yes, The City has had several Flock Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras positioned at strategic roadway intersections throughout the City since the approval of their purchase and installation in 2023.

Detective Sergeant Snell recently provided a memorandum regarding their use in Novi and surrounding communities and can be reviewed [HERE](#).

Additionally, on the morning of Sunday, July 5th, Novi PD discovered someone had tampered with our Flock cameras located at southbound Novi Road at I-96 and northbound Novi Road at I-96. Based on the preliminary investigation, the damage appears to have been intentional. It appears the suspect was unsuccessful in removing the northbound camera on Novi Road, as only three of the four mounting bolts had been loosened. The southbound camera only sustained damage to its solar panel.

During a check of other Flock camera locations, officers identified another incident at the westbound Eight Mile Road and Haggerty Road location, where the mounting bolts had been loosened.