

# Buzz Report

May 15, 2025



## Hot Topics:

- **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.

- **Beehives at Bosco**

A small group of city staff was very excited to participate in the introduction honeybees to their two new hives in the undeveloped “back 30” section of Bosco Fields Park today. This pilot program, supported by the Beautification Commission, was the brainchild of Fire Cpt. Theisen who will also be the dedicated beekeeper for the hives. We hope to see the bees thrive over the coming year and, should the hives prove viable, will consider related public programming.

City Council can expect a more robust memo on this program in the near future.



- **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

- **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 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- **Station Flats**

FYI, the owners have 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)

- **Porsche of Novi** – Grand River/Haggerty Road

**UPDATE** – A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) has been issued for the 19,170 square foot, two-story Porsche car dealership (next to the Audi Sales Center)

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

- **Audi Sales Center** (Former Jaguar dealership) – 10 Mile/Haggerty Road

The former Jaguar dealership located at 24295 Haggerty Rd is in the process of being converted to an Audi Sales Center. Currently the renovation is in full swing and recently was approved for its "rough" building inspection.

*Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2025*

- **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

The former PNC Bank located at 48648 Grand River Ave has been demolished and an El Car Wash will be being built on the site. The project has already received approvals from the Planning Commission ([4/10/24](#)) and Zoning Board of Appeals ([5/14/24](#)). Currently, a pre-construction meeting has been held and the building plans are in the final stages of review prior to permit issuance.

*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. The restaurant also has a location in Royal Oak that opened in May 2023. The building plans for the renovation were recently submitted and undergoing review.

*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. Raising Cane's specializes in chicken fingers, crinkle-cut fries and Texas toast.

*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 feet 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.

The construction was previously limited only to foundation/flatwork while a hydrant was installed to make water available at the site. As of December 4<sup>th</sup>, the full building permit has been issued, which will allow them to proceed with "vertical" construction.

*Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2025*

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

None at current