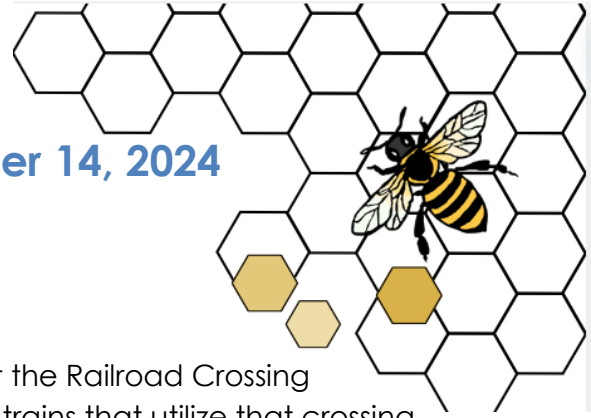


Buzz Report

November 14, 2024



Hot Topics:

- **Trains/Railroad Crossings**

A resident has recently been reaching out with concerns about the Railroad Crossing Located just north of the Beck and West Road intersection. The trains that utilize that crossing, as well as others within City limits, do not provide schedules. Train operations have essentially fallen under the prevue of the Federal Government as they have legally been considered interstate commerce. State and Federal courts have continually upheld the operating process of the different regional train operators. That all said, staff have been successful in connecting with rail companies to make slight modifications to ease the concerns of residents.

- **Black Rock Facade**

The Black Rock restaurant located in Fountain Walk has recently received a facelift. The new owners of the restaurant decided to paint the exterior bright red. Neither the City nor the landlord approved this. City staff is in the process of notifying the restaurant regarding the process for requesting deviations from the façade ordinance.



- **Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan**

The City of Novi has developed a Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan. The Plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, review's public input regarding recreation, establishes recreational goals, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items the City wishes to pursue.

A draft version of the 2025-29 PRCS Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan has been posted on the City webpage and a hard copy is available at the PRCS front desk during regular office hours. Residents interested in submitting comments are being directed to send comments to Jeff Muck, City of Novi, PRCS Director at jmuck@cityofnovi.org, or by phone at 248-347-0400.

The draft will be available for public comment through November 25. The PRCS Commission will be discussing at their meeting on November 17 and will make a recommendation for adoption to City Council. A hearing to take input on the draft plan will be held on November 25, at the City Council meeting where action on the adoption of the plan will also be on the agenda.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: With the planned improvements to 9 Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Haggarty when will the trees be removed?

A: Endangered species protections require the trees to be removed prior to March 31, 2025, to avoid disturbing bat nesting areas. The City's tree contractor will remove the trees this winter

Q: What are the high-level road updates (end dates/major changes to closures) for the year?

A: I-96 Freeway Flex Route (Kent Lake Road to I-275/696/M5 Interchange), slated for completion in November

Q: Why have passport services stopped/When will they resume?

A: Passport services were paused for election services and will resume on December 2, 2024.