

Buzz Report

October 24, 2024



Hot Topics:

- **Halloween Trick or Treating!**



Happy Halloween!

Trick or Treating is recommended from the hours of 6:00 – 8:00pm 🎃 🧛 🦋

- **Maples Clubhouse**

We received reports that employees of the Maples Golf Club are telling residents & neighbors that the City of Novi is holding up their liquor license. However, they received departmental approvals in late 2022/early 2023 and the Resolution recommending approval to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission was approved by City Council on April 17, 2023. Following this approval the applicant signed the agreement regarding the liquor license, and it was sent to the State.

While the Community Development did hold up approval of the kitchen construction work as the Maples had challenges getting the equipment screening installed, Final Approval was granted on September 5, 2024 and the Final Certificate of Occupancy issued on September 10, 2024. Community Development Director, Charles Boulard, will be reaching out to the owner to clarify any misconceptions.

- **Election Updates – Early Voting and Extended Office Hours**



Early in-person voting opened this past Saturday, October 26th and will run until Sunday, November 3rd. Hours are from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at the Novi Civic Center daily, except for Thursday, which offers the later hours of 12 pm - 8 pm.

Early Voting has proven very popular this year, with 4,000 having cast their ballot by this method at last count (seeing the lines today, we expect this number to grow).

- **9 Mile and Napier**

The Oakland County Federal Aid Committee met on 10/15/2024 with Novi staff in attendance. The committee approved the RCOC's request to include a Roundabout Project at the 9 Mile and Napier Intersection for Fiscal Year 2029. The entire agenda can be viewed [here](#) (page 22). Staff will include the project information in the CIP during this budget cycle.

- **Wainwright St.**

Back in [March City Council heard from residents](#) regarding on-street parking and issues between neighbors. "Issues" seem to have been raised again as Novi PD and Code Compliance have been called to that area for trash can placement complaints and trespassing concerns related to where people walk their dogs. We wouldn't be surprised if future communications were directed to City Council.

- **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.

- ~~**Pink Police Car Returns for Breast Cancer Awareness Month**~~

~~The [Police Department is running the Pink Car initiative](#) once more from September 25 to October 31 in support of the Believe in Miracles fund at Ascension Providence Hospital Novi. For a donation of \$5 or more, individuals can write a message of hope or sign a loved one's name on the car. The eye-catching car will be around town, including the following places and events:~~

~~October 26th (10am – 2pm) "Streets of Treats" in Downtown Northville~~

~~Since 2016, the Police Department has raised nearly \$75,000 through this initiative! This year, they've set the goal high, hoping for \$15,000. Donations can also be made [online](#).~~

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What is happening with the former nursing home at 10/Novi?

A: The former Whitehall nursing home has been demolished. Primrose School, a private preschool and daycare center, is currently in the pre-construction process for the former site. The proposed building is 13,586 square feet and is estimated to have 202 children during its peak hours.

Next Steps: Final Stamping Set approved, pre-con held, foundation permit issued. Hydrant installation required prior to building permit issuance.

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 are paused for election services and are expected to resume in early December.

Q: When does voting begin?

A: Ballots were first mailed on September 26. Early voting will run from Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3. On November 4 absent voter ballots may be voted in-person at the City Clerk's Office. November 5 is the official date of the Presidential Election.