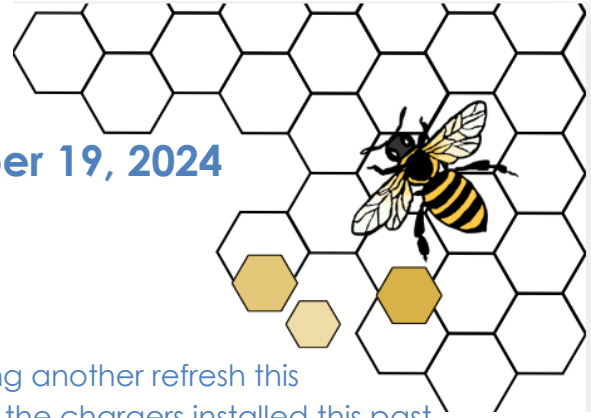


# Buzz Report

December 19, 2024



## Hot Topics:

- **EV Charging Station Update (New)**

The EV Chargers located at the Novi Public Library will be getting another refresh this week! Due to the recent closure/sale of [Enel X](#), the software for the chargers installed this past January are unfortunately no longer usable. The State Electric Company, who maintains our chargers, has luckily come up with a solution to keep everything powered up for the future and will be swapping out both stations for brand-new chargers this week. They anticipate that the new chargers will be installed and ready to go by the time Council receives this report. Updated directions for use will be on the new screens to assist users.

- **Liberty Park Speed Study**

At the request of citizens in Liberty Park neighborhood, Novi PD installed a speed sign on Declaration Drive (for northbound traffic) near Bartlett Drive from Monday, December 2 through Saturday, December 7 to gather speed data. A total of 4,032 cars traveled on Declaration during this time, with an average speed of 18.72 mph. Data indicates speeding is not an issue and staff have relayed the findings to our contact in Liberty Park. No further action is anticipated.

- **10 Mile/Novi Road Traffic Light**

There have been recent reports of the traffic light at Ten Mile and Novi Road malfunctioning, occasionally displaying a flashing red on all sides even at times of day when it shouldn't. The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is responsible for this signal and have already been contacted. As their monitoring panel was reporting no errors, they sent out a crew to investigate the issue on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. No further report has been given to our offices from RCOC on the matter at this time, but we expect the problem has been resolved or is in the process of being so.

- **Bristol Corners Sidewalks**

Residents of Bristol Corners have recently contacted the City requesting reimbursement for sidewalk repairs they undertook themselves. This matter was previously considered by the Mobility Committee and the following was determined:

*For the duration of the Pilot Program, the City will not provide reimbursement for sidewalk repair/replacement work performed outside of the NSRP; in other words, work completed privately by a homeowner or Homeowners Association). Additionally, the City will not consider repair/replacement of sidewalk panels due to ponding or pooling water, assuming the two previously mentioned conditions per state law do not exist.*

- **Incident at Novi Meadows**

~~On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, while PRCS basketball activities were being held at Novi Meadows upper elementary school, damages (broken exit lighting, drawing on walls, etc.) to school facilities occurred during a team's basketball practice. A message has been sent to the team regarding the matter, which was also captured on the school's surveillance system. PRCS and the schools will work together to ensure the necessary repairs are made.~~

## Development Project Updates:

### [Map of Development projects](#)

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Porsche of Novi** – Grand River/Haggerty Road  
Construction of an approx. 19,170 square foot, two-story Porsche car dealership (right next to the Audi Sales Center)
- **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. While it was initially planned for the old building to be demolished, the developer instead decided to repurpose the existing building and make minor site improvements to meet their goals and brand expectations instead. Currently the renovation is in full swing, and recently was approved for its "rough" building inspection.
- **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.

## 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