

Buzz Report

October 30, 2025



Hot Topics:

- **November 2025 Election**

- Through Tuesday, November 4th, until 8:00pm - A person may register to vote in-person at their local Clerk's Office with proof of residency.
- Saturday, October 25th through Sunday, November 2nd - Early In-Person Voting available at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.) from 8:30am-4:30pm, except Thursday, October 30th, when hours are Noon-8:00pm.
- Friday, October 31st, 5:00pm - Deadline for voters to request an absent voter ballot to be mailed via first-class mail.
- Monday, November 3rd 4:00pm - Deadline for registered voters to request an absent voter ballot in-person at the City Clerk's Office.
- Tuesday, November 4th, until 8:00pm - A person registering to vote in-person at the City Clerk's Office may obtain and vote an absentee voter ballot with proof of residency or vote in-person at their proper precinct.
- Tuesday, November 4th - Polls are open 7:00am through 8:00pm. All voters in line at 8pm will be able to vote.

- **Health Code Violations**

The Novi Fire Marshal, along with representatives from the Code Compliance and Building Divisions, visited the Twelve Oaks Food Court. Two restaurants received six violations: Suki Hana and Lotus Express. This matter was also referred to the Oakland County Health Department. The businesses are closed until further notice. Management of both locations and Twelve Oaks Mall has been notified.

- **Haverhill Access Management**

Per the remarks made at a recent public comment, staff have engaged GLWA and RCOC to affirm that whatever work is done it will be done in a manner that will ensure access to the subdivision for residents.

- **Power Park Construction**

~~Starting October 2, the playgrounds, south parking lot, fields 5 & 6, and pathways will be closed at Ella Mae Power Park for several weeks. Re-construction of the parking lot and pathways will be taking place during this time. Barricades and signage will be placed to deter entry.~~ Ella Mae Power Park is now fully open as the pathway and parking lot re-surfacing project has wrapped up. Additional restoration will occur in the spring.



- **GLWA Transmission Main Break**

GLWA continues to work on their 42" water main to get it repaired and back in service, with anticipated completion within two weeks. ~~For the time being 14 Mile Road, between Welch and M-5, remains closed to thru traffic for the repair work.~~ 14 Mile Road is now completely open from East Lake Drive to M-5. We continue to urge the conservation of water usage until we are back to normal operation on the 42" water main (especially turning off irrigation systems, unless supplied by a well). GLWA finished the inspection and is now reviewing all the data. Over the next few months, they will be investing in preemptive repairs based on findings. This approach helps keep the water system reliable and strong! It is anticipated Novi will remain on the 24" bypass main until spring 2026 while this critical work is completed.

- **Shawood Lake Island Structure Demolition**

Bids for demolishing the structure on the recently purchased Shawood Lake island were due Thursday, September 25. The bids will be presented to City Council soon, with demolition anticipated in late fall.

- **ITC Restrooms Closed**

~~Ongoing plumbing problems causing back up and overflow at the ITC Community Sports Parks have been found to be primarily caused by insufficient slope going out to the first main connection point. The restrooms will remain closed until such time as the repairs have been completed. Signs and barricades have been posted at each of the restroom doors and Port A Johns have been placed, including a handicap accessible unit.~~ Repairs on the restroom have now been successfully completed. Please be aware that, as part of winterization of the parks, the restrooms at ITC and all other Novi parks will be closed the week of November 3rd.

Development Project Updates:

Map of Development projects

- **CAVA Restaurant (Former Boston Market) -**

A popular fast-casual Mediterranean restaurant is under construction at the Novi Town Center, in the former location of Boston Market. The brand's first location in Michigan recently opened in [Canton](#). At this stage all necessary permits have been issued and inspections though the "rough" construction phase have been approved.

- **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. <https://cityofnovi.org/media/ryra1v4p/241211jsp19-34.pdf>

- **Culvers** - Novi Road and West Oaks

Building and site improvements are underway. *Estimated Completion Date: **Late 2025***

- **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.
Estimated Completion Date: Unknown

- **The Grove**

Staff has received updated plans from the proposed development on 12 Mile east of Meadowbrook. Per Council direction, the number of units has been scaled down. Council should see a revised plan presented in the near future.

<https://cityofnovi.org/media/qyrm1axj/241216matter6.pdf>

<https://eweb.cityofnovi.org/media/qnmlaanq/251016thegrove.pdf>

- **Novi 10 (10 Mile and Novi Road)**

Similarly, the applicant for the proposed development at 10 Mile and Novi Road has also returned with a revised concept for their proposal.

<https://cityofnovi.org/media/y4nju5wq/241216matter5.pdf>

<https://eweb.cityofnovi.org/media/5hinzayn/251016pro.pdf>

- **Novi Acres (FKA Station Flats)**

The owners of the property in between Target and Sam's recently submitted a new Preliminary Site Plan, under the new name of Novi Acres. The previously planned project, known as Station Flats, has been scuttled.

- **Camelot Parc/Avalon** by Village of Stonebrook

Townhomes for sale with garages, fewer units (currently zoned PSLR so a special land use approval will come before council for a decision)

- **El Car Wash** (Former PNC Bank) – Grand River Ave/12 Mile Rd

Building and sitework nearly complete.

Estimated Completion Date: **Fall 2025**

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

- **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 for approval at this time. It would appear this is a result of a property dispute between the owners of the parcel.

- **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. *Estimated Completion Date:* **Fall 2025**

- **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers** (Former Wendy's) – Novi Rd/Grand River Ave

The Louisiana-based fast food chain Raising Cane's is planning to take over the space in the near future. A preliminary site plan was submitted for review in late May. Subsequent reviews underway. ZBA variance for loading approved 10/14/25.

*Estimated Completion Date: **Late 2026***

- **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. All interior work has been completed and approved, a TCO has been issued as of late September due to a small number of outstanding sitework items to be completed.

*Estimated Completion Date: ~~Summer~~ **Fall 2025***

- **Transformco (Former Sears at Twelve Oaks)**
Nearly all the external work has been completed. Contractors will now turn their attention to the internal work to build out the spaces for [a Dicks House of Sport, Round 1 Arcade and Bowling, and Primark](#)

*Estimated Completion Date: **Spring/Summer 2026***

Residential Enforcement Updates:

- **24698 Bashian Drive:** Posting of unfit/unsafe home in coordination with Novi Fire and Adult Protective Services. Resident under care at another location.
- **121 Faywood:** Posting of residential expansion/extensive remodel proceeding without permits

Frequently Asked Questions:

None at current