



2023 Mackinac Island Grand Experience

Older Adult Services partnered with mParks (Michigan Recreation and Parks Association) to offer Novi residents the “Mackinac Island Grand Experience” trip. Before last year, it had been 17 years since Novi had participated and residents and staff were happy to keep the momentum of the trip going for the second year in a row. On October 17, 49 Novi residents and their friends joined over 550 older adults for four days at the Grand Hotel. Older Adult Services Manager Kit Kieser and Recreation Supervisor Madison Lachance, led the trip and facilitated activities while on the island. The trip included travel to Mackinac Island, a carriage tour around the island, amazing food, nightly dancing with the Grand Hotel Orchestra, and daily activities. Travelers took ballroom dancing lessons, attended a Grand Hotel history lecture, joined a sommelier for wine tasting, biked and walked around the island, and so much more. A Novi resident even took second place in the writing contest! Everyone left the island with full stomachs, smiles on their faces, and a handful of new friends and memories. Many travelers were already asking for 2024 dates!

This program incorporated the department's core value of excellence by partnering with mParks to offer this exceptional trip to the Novi community.



Grand Experience 2023	Stats
Novi Participants	49
Total Seniors at the hotel	563
Number of Cities represented	11
Event Supervisor	K. Kieser M. Lachance

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