Novi
50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
1969-2019
Dear Novi residents,

I cannot begin to explain how excited I am for 2019! You see, this coming year isn’t just any old year. It’s a banner year for Novi as we are poised to celebrate OUR 50th year as a City. And what a GREAT city we have become!

As we head into the New Year, a quote from Nelson Mandela stands out in my mind. He said, “We must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.” A lot has been done right in Novi over the last 50 years and we are excited to continue building on that success in the years to come.

I’ve been part of Novi’s history for 44 of those 50 years, and I’ve seen some amazing changes in this great city. It’s honestly hard to believe it has only been 50 years!

It all started on February 18, 1969, when Novi was incorporated as a City. That year proved to be a historic one for America, mixed with joyous moments and some more sobering. It was the year Neil Armstrong took his historic first steps on the moon and also when U.S. troops began withdrawing from Vietnam. Woodstock debuted on a dairy farm in the Catskill Mountains and John Lennon announced he was leaving The Beatles. But let’s get back to Novi…

Soon after that February vote, the Novi City Council met for the first time and the oath of office was administered to Novi’s first Mayor, Joseph Crupi. At that time, Novi had a population of approximately 9,668 residents.

The City of Novi’s forefathers surely used their time wisely. They set the groundwork for a community that is the economic engine for Oakland County and now home to 60,000 residents and growing. Our businesses continue to thrive, as do our highly acclaimed schools (public AND private).

Your City Council has authorized millions of dollars to repair City roads and pathways, and City officials continue to work closely with the Road Commission for Oakland County to spotlight the County roads in our city that need work.

Novi continues to be one of the safest communities in the entire state thanks to the brave men and women of the Novi Police and Fire Departments. By the way, our fire department model continues to be complimented by everyone who studies our blend of full-time, auxiliary and paid-on-call firefighters. All four fire stations are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and response times continue to decrease.

As our economy continues to flourish, home values continue to rise. Compared to our neighbors, Novi’s tax rate is among the lowest, DESPITE all the great services we provide. Speaking of great services, our Parks Department is going to be busy in 2019! This summer, Lakeshore Park will undergo some dramatic changes with the construction of a new state-of-the-art facility and City Council recently approved a new playground for Pavilion Shore Park that will be in full operation when spring arrives!

Congratulations to former Council Member Gwen Markham, who was elected to serve on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners starting in January. Gwen has proudly served on City Council since 2003 and will be a great asset for Novi at the County.

For all the great things that happened in Novi last year, I’d be remiss if I didn’t touch on a somber one. Wayne Wrobel, a friend and colleague on City Council, passed away after a long battle with cancer. Wayne served our community tirelessly and always with a smile. I miss him every day and ask that all of you remember Wayne and keep his wife Debbie in your prayers.

I said it last year, but it bears repeating: Novi is a great community. The PEOPLE of Novi make it so. We embrace diversity and welcome ALL cultures, all religions, all races and all creeds to our great city. If there is anything any staff member, any Council Member or I, your Mayor, can do to make you feel more welcome, do not hesitate to ask. We are here to SERVE YOU!

As we go about our business in this historic year, it’s important to remember Mandela’s words. “We must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.” Join me in ALWAYS doing the right thing.

I wish everyone a blessed, happy and healthy 2019.

Working together, we will continue to keep Novi at the forefront of all the great happenings in and around our area.

Happy 50th Anniversary, Novi!
### 1960s
- Novi Public Library begins in former bank building on Novi Road with 150 donated books.
- Novi Road between Eight Mile Road and Grand River Avenue is paved.
- Novi High School opens in current Novi Meadows school at Taft and 11 Mile Roads.
- Walled Lake Amusement Park closes after more than 30 years in operation.
- Novi Post Office moves to Grand River Avenue, just west of Novi Road, to improve operations.
- Novi’s first Economic Development Committee was formed to assist industries seeking to locate in Novi.
- Novi citizens vote in favor of City incorporation with the measure passing 694 to 283.
- First Novi City Council meets, led by Mayor Joseph Crupi.
- Raging grass fires, whipped out of control by high winds, swept over wide areas of Novi, destroying or damaging an estimated 100 pine, fruit and shade trees.

### 1970s
- A total of 40% of the City’s 10,000 residents were newcomers within the last five years.
- Library opens in new location on Ten Mile Road near Taft Road, operating with an independent one mill.
- Twelve Oaks Mall opens, anchored by Hudson’s and eventually Sears, Lord & Taylor and JCPenney.
- Novi High School opens in current location at Ten Mile and Taft Roads.
- Novi is home to 139 businesses with annual sales over $72,000.
- Novi Police Department hires first female police officer.

### 1980s
- A total of 273 businesses in Novi with annual sales over $264,890.
- Cable TV comes to homes in the Village Oaks Subdivision.
- Novi Civic Center opens. First time in Novi's history that all City Departments are located under one roof.
- Novi Police Department headquarters moves to its current location on Ten Mile Road.
- City purchases Novi Special race car minus engine and drivetrain for $35,000.
- Novi Town Center opens. Considered to be the beginning of “downtown Novi.”
- City featured in New York Times article where it’s referred to as a “Suburban Oz.”

### 1990s
- Novi Expo Center opens in building that was a former liquor-distribution center.
- Providence Park Outpatient Medical Facility built.
- Novi forms sister city link with Owari, Japan.
- Novi’s first microbrewery, Local Color, opens.
- Starbucks opens in West Oaks shopping center.
- The Tim Pope Play structure is built in memory of former Council Member.
- The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America holds its grand opening at the Novi Expo Center.

### 2000s
- City transfers 95 acres of parkland and $7.7 million in insurance money to settle Sandstone lawsuit.
- Ascension Providence Hospital opens on 200 acres with 400 employees.
- ITC Holdings builds its new headquarters on 83 acres in Novi.
- Residents turn down a 25-year millage that would have created a 73-acre park called Signature Park.
- Novi Police seize more nearly $4.8 million in drug money, the largest seizure of funds in the history of Michigan.
- The $350-million Fox Run Village retirement community opens its doors.
- The $18-million Rock Financial Showplace (now Suburban Collection Showplace) opens on Grand River Avenue.
- City Council starts streaming council meetings on its website.
- Japanese School of Detroit, also known as Ringo Kai, moves to Novi from Birmingham.
- Catholic Central High School builds $30 million campus on 60 acres in Novi.
- Voters approve $16 million bond proposal for a new 60,000-square-foot library building.
- Sri Venkateswara Temple opens as the first Hindu Temple in Michigan to be named after a southern Indian deity.
Many stories on the origin of Novi’s name have developed over the last century. Who hasn’t heard the tale of Novi being named after the No.VI train station? But what is the true story of how Novi went from being West Farmington to Novi? It is one of Novi’s biggest mysteries.

Barbara G. Louie, former member of the Novi Historical Commission, notes “there are at least nine different versions as to what the name really means and from where it originated.” Curious yet? Among these stories is the most popular, and, seemingly most logical, that the sixth township (NoVI) in the southwest portion of Oakland County was adapted by merely writing it out as one word: “NOVI.” A similar tale of equal popularity, albeit not as logical, has the town named after Toll Gate No. VI on Grand River (or the old Detroit-Howell) Road. Unfortunately for this theory, the toll road was not built for another twenty-two years after the town was already named.

Speculation also includes the supposed date of the meeting that may have lent itself to the name, Nov. 1, as well as the humorous anecdote regarding the blacksmith-preacher whose wife’s name was Vivian, or “Vi”… The blacksmith-preacher was most awfully tight and forever vetoed any spending suggestions from his wife. It was always “No Vi!” to anything until his place was referred to by the whole neighborhood as, “down to No Vi’s” then as “No Vi’s Corners,” and then just plain, “Novi.”

Finally, the latest theory on how the unusual name came about comes from as far away as Yugoslavia. According to this account, the Michigan City was named after the hometown of a woman who came from Yugoslavia in the early 1800’s. She was a Muslim girl who broke away from her religious and family ties to marry one of Napoleon’s soldiers. Together, they emigrated thousands of miles across land and sea to settle in the wilds of Michigan. Unfortunately, as delightfully romantic as this theory appears, it has yet to be proven conclusively. Research continues on the identities of the elusive couple. Among the stumbling blocks is that the word “Novi” in the Yugoslavian language means “new” and that it could refer to countless towns in that country.

Barbara Louie published a book about the history of Novi, NOVI on the Trail, which is available to check out at the Novi Public Library to read more about the different theories on the development of Novi’s name and Novi’s history.
### January 2019

#### Monday
- **1** NEW YEAR'S DAY
- City Offices, Meadowbrook Activity Center and Library Closed. No Transportation. Waste collection delayed one day.

#### Tuesday
- **2** CPR Class, 6:30-10pm, Fire Station #4
- **3** Senator Carl Levin sends apples from Novi's Erwin's Orchards to two Washington state-based U.S. Senators with "how do you like 'dem apples?" note after U of M defeats Washington 23-6 in Rose Bowl. We are proud of our apples. (1981)

#### Wednesday
- **4** A new $20,000 Fire Engine is delivered. (1956)
- **5** Try Skating for Free, 9:45am, Novi Ice Arena

#### Thursday
- **6** City Council votes to follow new state law and hold Council elections in odd years instead of even years. (1971)

#### Friday
- **13** Novi residents between Nine Mile, 9 1/2 Mile, Novi and Taft Roads petition Novi & Northville school districts to shift the school district boundary to allow their children to attend Novi instead of Northville schools. (1982)

#### Saturday
- **31** City Council, 7pm

### Notes
- The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America holds its grand opening at the Novi Expo Center. (1993)
- Senator Carl Levin sends apples from Novi's Erwin's Orchards to two Washington state-based U.S. Senators with "how do you like 'dem apples?" note after U of M defeats Washington 23-6 in Rose Bowl. We are proud of our apples. (1981)
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<td>Novi Special race car gets new home. City purchases car minus engine and drivetrain for $35,000. Purchase made possible by the Novi Economic Development Corporation, which retains the title to the car. Now sits in the Children’s Section of the Novi Public Library. (1983)</td>
<td>50th Anniversary Celebration, 6pm</td>
<td>Novi Chamber Winter Business Mixer, 5pm - novichamber.com</td>
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<td>PRESIDENT’S DAY</td>
<td>City Offices, Meadowbrook Activity Center and Closed, No Transportation, Library open 10am-9pm</td>
<td>Older Adult Services Advisory Board, 6:30pm</td>
<td>Oakland County Parks Adaptive Dance, 6:30pm</td>
<td>History Commission, 7pm, Library</td>
<td>Being Police Chief is a hard job but someone has to do it. Chief Lee BeGole fell through the ice on Walled Lake while moving ice shanties off the lake. He was dunked when he hit a soft spot on the ice. He was rescued immediately and was wet from head to toe but unharmed. (1984)</td>
<td>Try Hockey for Free, 12:45pm, Novi Ice Arena</td>
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<td>Sensory Sundays for Children, 10:30 am, Library</td>
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<td>The 1968 “Miss Detroit,” 1969 “Miss Michigan,” and 1970 “Miss America,” explains the opportunities pageants can give to a young person even 18 years later. Yes, all three titles were won by one Novi woman. (1984)</td>
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**Groundhog Day**

- Toast of the Town, 6:30pm, Suburban Collection Showplace - novichamber.com
- Daddy Daughter Dance, 7pm

**Chinese New Year**

- Beautification Commission, 5pm

**Valentine’s Day**

- Cultural Arts Advisory Board, 6pm
- CPR Class, 6:30-10pm, Fire Station #4

**Last Day to Pay 2018 Winter Property Taxes without Penalty**

- Drop box located behind Civic Center

**Independents’ Day**

- Library Board Budget Session, 8am, Library

**Last Day to Pay Delinquent 2018 Property Taxes at Treasurer’s Office**

- Thereafter to Oakland County.
## March 2019

### Sunday
- **3**: Novi resident wins Detroit’s “toughman” competition at Joe Louis Arena and takes home a $5,000 prize. (1980)

### Monday
- **4**: City Council, 7pm

### Tuesday
- **5**: Board of Review Organizational Meeting, 7am
- **6**: CPR Class, 6:30-10pm, Fire Station 4
  - City of Novi Job Fair, 1pm
  - Board of Review, Appointment Required, 9am-6pm
  - Friends of the Library Board, Planning Commission, 7pm
  - City of Novi Youth Assistance, 6pm

### Wednesday
- **7**: Police and Fire Awards Ceremony, 7:30pm
  - Older Adult Services St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon, 12pm, MAC

### Thursday
- **8**: Strike!
- **9**: Troopers interrupt bowler’s last game. Man was using entrance ramp as a bowling lane. Police discovered him using his bowling ball to knock down beer cans stacked on the expressway ramp. (1982)
- **10**: Local lounge gets citation for having the “Foxy Franchmen” male dancers perform. (1984)

### Friday
- **11**: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- **12**: Sensory Sundays for Children, 10:30 am, Library
- **13**: City of Novi Youth Assistance, 6pm
- **14**: Board of Review, Appointment Required, 1pm-9pm
  - Older Adult Services St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon, 12pm, MAC
  - City of Novi Youth Assistance, 6pm
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  - City of Novi Youth Assistance, 6pm

### Saturday
- **16**: CPL Class, 8am-5pm, PD Training Center
- **17**: Battle of the Books, 3pm

### Sunday
- **18**: City Council, 7pm
- **19**: Four fire departments (Commerce, Northville, Walled Lake and Farmington) assist Novi as the Novi Inn burns and damages four other buildings around it. (1954)
- **20**: Holi
- **21**: Older Adult Services Advisory Board, 6:30pm
  - City of Novi Youth Assistance, 6pm
  - Friends of the Library Board, Planning Commission, 7pm
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### Monday
- **22**: Novi Police seize nearly $4.8 million in drug money – the largest seizure of funds in the history of Michigan – at two locations in Novi and Northville. (2004)
- **23**: About 200 motorists are stranded on East Lake Drive due to a snow storm that dropped nine inches of snow on the area. (1965)

### Tuesday
- **24**: Four fire departments (Commerce, Northville, Walled Lake and Farmington) assist Novi as the Novi Inn burns and damages four other buildings around it. (1954)
- **25**: The Novi Hilton hosts the Miss Michigan pageant which brought 100 contestants and all their support people in tow. (1964)
- **26**: Spring Adult Softball Team Registration Deadline
  - Planning Commission, 7pm
  - City of Novi Youth Assistance, 6pm

### Wednesday
- **27**: Library Board, 7pm
  - Historical Commission Program, 7pm, Library
  - PRCS Commission, 7pm

### Thursday
- **28**: After 39 years of music and dancing, the Walled Lake Casino is for sale with no buyer in sight. (1961)
- **29**: Proposed limited access highway US-16 to run along Grand River from Brighton to Farmington was mapped out for the public to see. (1955)
- **30**: Board of Review, Appointment Required, 1pm-9pm
  - Zowie!
  - City of Novi Youth Assistance, 6pm

### Friday
- **31**: Novi named Community of the Week by WWJ and was honored on the station’s “Suburban Salute.” (1969)
# April Events

**Sunday, April 7:**
- Novi gets a new post office as the old building is used for commercial purposes. (1956)

**Monday, April 8:**
- Sensory Sundays for Children, 10:30 am, Library
- Skate with the Easter Bunny, 3pm, Novi Ice Arena
- Eggstravaganza, 2pm, Fuerst Park

**Tuesday, April 9:**
- Older Adult Services Golf League Registration Deadline
- Novi Youth Assistance, 8pm
- ZBA, 7pm

**Wednesday, April 10:**
- Cultural Arts Advisory Board, 4pm
- Citizen’s Police Academy, 6-9pm, Various Locations
- CPR Class, 6:30-10pm, Fire Station #4

**Thursday, April 11:**
- Older Adult Services Spring Luncheon, 12pm, NSAC
- Spring ice storm snaps power lines city-wide. (1979)

**Friday, April 12:**
- Global automotive supplier Eberspacher opens its new $25 million headquarters in Novi. (2001)
- A proposed budget of $283,500 is presented to the village council for fiscal year 1966-67. (1966)

**Saturday, April 13:**
- Novi C.A.R.E.S Earth Day, 9-11am, MSU Tollgate
- Easter Egg Hunt, 10am, Novi Dog Park

**Sunday, April 14:**
- PALM SUNDAY

**Monday, April 15:**
- TAX DAY

**Tuesday, April 16:**
- Tornado leaves damage trail through Novi, hitting the Novi Road and Grand River area. (1963)

**Wednesday, April 17:**
- Citizen’s Police Academy, 6-9pm, Various Locations
- CERT Quarterly Meeting, 6pm, Training Center
- Friends of the Library Board, 7pm, Library
- Council Budget Session

**Thursday, April 18:**
- PRCS Commission, 7pm
- Older Adult Services Travel Fair, 1:30pm

**Friday, April 19:**
- GOOD FRIDAY

**Saturday, April 20:**
- PASSOVER BEGINS

**Sunday, April 21:**
- EASTER

**Monday, April 22:**
- EARTH DAY

**Tuesday, April 23:**
- Raging grass fires, whipped out of control by high winds, sweeps over wide areas of Novi, destroying or damaging an estimated 100 pine, fruit and shade trees. (1960)

**Wednesday, April 24:**
- Citizen’s Police Academy, 6-9pm, Various Locations
- Council Budget Session (if necessary)

**Thursday, April 25:**
- Library Board, 7pm
- Historical Commission Program, 7pm, Library

**Friday, April 26:**
- Cows are found dead in the area of 11 and Meadowbrook Roads, ammonia was found in the streams they drank from. (1982)

**Saturday, April 27:**
- PASSOVER ENDS

**Sunday, April 28:**
- ORTHODOX EASTER

**Monday, April 29:**
- Efforts were made to secure Novi’s first sanitary sewer system, signing contracts for construction to serve areas south of 10 Mile Road. (1942)

**Tuesday, April 30:**

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<td><strong>Residents in Village Oaks are shaken by the apparent explosion of two bombs placed in the frame of a car. The boom knocked homes several blocks away and started a fire that engulfed two cars in flames. (1994)</strong></td>
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<td>EID AL-FITR</td>
<td>Guernsey's Butter Pecan ice cream ties for 5th place in a People Magazine competition among ice creams from across the country. (1984)</td>
<td>City Council, 7pm</td>
<td>Novi Chamber Golf Outing - novichamber.com</td>
<td>Cultural Arts Advisory Board, 6pm</td>
<td>Local Novi High School Wildcat is drafted by the Detroit Tigers. (1987)</td>
<td>The Very Hungry Caterpillar 50th Anniversary Celebration, all ages, 6:30pm, Library</td>
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<td>Sensory Sundays for Children, 10:30am, Library</td>
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<td>CPR Class, 6:30-10pm, Fire Station #4</td>
<td>Yappy Hour Dog Social, 6pm, Novi Dog Park</td>
<td>Owners break ground on a new $18 million expo center on Grand River Avenue, west of Taft Road. New center will replace the Novi Expo Center on Novi Road. (2004)</td>
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<td>FATHER'S DAY</td>
<td>Library Closed</td>
<td>Settlement signed ending the Sandstone Associates lawsuit. (2002)</td>
<td>Sizzling Summer, 10:30am, Fuerst Park Historical Commission, 7pm, Library</td>
<td>Tie Dye Fun, 6:30pm, Library</td>
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<td>Novi begins providing dispatch for emergency communication for Wixom, South Lyon and Lyon Township. (1983)</td>
<td>A “freakish summer storm” catches residents completely by surprise as it damages a third of the homes in a mobile home park. Estimated damages were $1.7 million. (1987)</td>
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<td>Summer 60’s Music on the Patio Series, 6:30pm, Library</td>
<td>Fall Adult Softball New Team Registration begins</td>
<td>The new Novi Public Library opens to the public. (2010)</td>
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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **June 1:** Novi C.A.R.E.S Cemetery Day, 9-11am, Novi Road Cemetery
- **June 4:** Cultural Arts Advisory Board, 6pm
- **June 5:** Friends of the Library Board, 7pm, Library Planning Commission, 7pm
- **June 7:** The 1902 land speed record breaking “999,” once driven by Henry Ford I, visits Novi and is on display at the Novi Civic Center for two weeks. (1988)
- **June 14:** FLAG DAY
- **June 15:** Novi Park Soccer Club Select (Lightning) Tryouts
- **June 16:** City Council, 7pm
- **June 19:** Settlement signed ending the Sandstone Associates lawsuit. (2002)
- **June 20:** PRCS Commission, 7pm
- **June 21:** Sizzling Summer Nights, 7pm, Fuerst Park
- **June 22:** The Great Campout, 3pm, Location TBD
- **June 30:** The new Novi Public Library opens to the public. (2010)
### July

#### Events

**1**

**Reminder 2019 Summer Property Taxes Due. Payable without penalty through August 31**

**2**

Sharon Oaks, Novi’s first major hotel, opens a three-story, $10 million facility with 220 rooms. (1982)

**3**

The Supreme Court orders a circuit court rehearing of the 12 Mile Road landfill case so that events which occurred after the original trial may be considered by the lower court. (1962)

**4**

**Independence Day**

City Offices, Meadowbrook Activity Center and Library Closed. No Transportation.

**5**

Novi Village Council met in an emergency session and adopts a resolution establishing curfew hours due to severe civil unrest in Detroit. Five Novi police officers volunteered to aid law enforcement in Detroit. They came under sniper fire while protecting firemen who were being fired upon while fighting fires. (1967)

**6**

Sir Daighton Ward, Barbados governor-general, visits Novi for granddaughter Nicole Cummins’ graduation from Novi High. (1983)

**7**

As fifty-two new zip codes are created, Novi gets four new zip codes, 48374, 48375, 48376, and 48377 that will affect over 300,000 address at 23 post offices. (1990)

**8**

Beautification Commission, 5pm

City Council, 7pm

**9**

Sizzling Summer, 10:30am, Pavilion Shore Park

ZBA, 7pm

Friends of the Library Board, 7pm, Library

Planning Commission, 7pm

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Friends of the Library Board, 7pm, Library

Planning Commission, 7pm

**11**

PRCS Commission, 7pm

**12**

Sizzling Summer Nights, 7pm, Fuerst Park

**13**

Classic Car Show, 11am-4pm, Library

**14**

Sensory Sundays for Children, 10:30am, Library

Youth Police & Fire Leadership Academy begins

Board of Review, 9am

**15**

Sizzling Summer, 10:30am, Pavilion Shore Park

CERT Quarterly Meeting, 6pm, PD Training Center

Oakland County Parks Adaptive Dance, 6:30pm

Older Adult Services Advisory Board, 6:30pm

Historical Commission, 7pm, Library

**16**

City Council, 7pm

**17**

The Novi Historical Commission discovers grave markers from the 1800’s need reviving and go to work to correct the problem. (1994)

**18**

Summer 60’s Music on the Patio Series, 6:30pm, Library

Fall NFSC Thunder & House Soccer League Registration Deadline

**19**

Although plans to pave Taft Road were temporarily scrapped, the Novi City Council continued with paving plans for Meadowbrook Road. (1972)

**20**

Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9am-2pm, Wixom DPW

Car Seat Safety Check, 9am, Fire Station #4

**21**

The petition of Echo Valley subdivision area for annexation to the Northville School District is defeated in a joint meeting with the Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw County boards of education. (1962)

**22**

City Council, 7pm

**23**

**24**

Sizzling Summer, 10:30am, Pavilion Shore Park

Planning Commission, 7pm

**25**

Library Board, 7pm

**26**

The $350-million Fox Run Village retirement community opens its doors. (2003)

**27**

Harrawood Service Center and Café opens on the corner of Novi and Grand River Road. The cost was over $50,000. (1955)

**28**

After the heat wave in June, “Blankets and winter jackets were just about the only attire visible at the Novi Park Beach.” Very odd weather for mid-July. (1956)

**29**

Al’s Quality Market puts up screen doors “to keep customers in and the insects out.” Al Hamden’s store was located on Grand River east of Novi Road near 11 Mile and known for confectionary and “the poor man’s pal.” (1956)

**30**

Novi High graduate Nicole Blaszczak crowned Miss Michigan. (2009)

**31**

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<td>Gov. George Romney is one of the main attractions at Novi’s Gala Day celebration, revived after a two year absence. (1964)</td>
<td>The Michigan State Fair relocates to Novi. (2012)</td>
<td>Novi Youth Assistance, 6pm</td>
<td>Sizzling Summer, 10:30am, Fuerst Park</td>
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<td>Millions left in the dark following massive blackout. City also takes steps to put emergency generators in all its buildings. (2003)</td>
<td>Beautification Commission, 5pm</td>
<td>NOVI Chamber Dinner Tour, 5:30pm - novichamber.com</td>
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<td>Novi loses a piece of its history as the historical Yerkes house is destroyed in a fire. The Yerkes are credited with being the first settlers of Novi. (1989)</td>
<td>Twelve Oaks Mall opens amid great fanfare. (1977)</td>
<td>Movie on the Shore, 6pm, Pavilion Shore Park</td>
<td>Historical Commission, 7pm, Library</td>
<td>Older Adult Services Advisory Board, 6:30pm</td>
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<td>Lakeshore Beach to be lengthened. City buys property from Fraser Staman which will add approximately 100 feet to the existing beach. (1982)</td>
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<td>City starts streaming council meetings on its website. (2006)</td>
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<td>A look back at the Novi Special that ran at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1946. The “Novi Governor Special” set new Indy four-lap records in 1946 at speeds of 133.944 mph. (1988)</td>
<td>Planning Commission, 7pm</td>
<td>Senior Day at the Michigan State Fair, 11am, Suburban Collection Showplace</td>
<td>Dedication is held for the $11.5 million Novi High School. (1977)</td>
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<td><strong>CPR Class, 6:30-10pm, Fire Station #4</strong></td>
<td><strong>Older Adult Services Travel Fair, 7pm</strong></td>
<td><strong>World renowned artist David Barr is awarded the Governor’s Artist Award by the Concerned Citizens for the Arts of Michigan (CCAM). (1988)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>PRCS Commission, 7pm</strong></td>
<td><strong>The dreams of Novi’s citizens became a reality when the community’s first public library officially opens. (1960)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Tornado destroys one home, damages numerous others, takes glass off the roof at City Hall and sets a small fire on a utility pole as it touches down in a subdivision near Taft and Ten Mile Roads. (1990)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Bigger than life Wizard of Oz sand sculpture is seen in the “Center Court” at Twelve Oaks Mall. (1989)</strong></td>
<td><strong>One of the oldest buildings in Oakland County, the general store on the corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, originally owned by Josh McCrumb, is torn down. (1955)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Older Adult Services Advisory Board, 6:30pm Historical Commission, 7pm, Library</strong></td>
<td><strong>Catholic Central High School opens for the 2005 school year. (2005)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Construction starts on Novi’s second major hotel - Novi Hilton. The seven story, 263-room hotel is located in the Orchard Hill Place Office Park. (1983)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Owner of the Thorton House is given permission to move the house built in the 1830s from Nine Mile to 11 Mile. (1992)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Novi High School is the first school to work with Ford Motor Company on the pilot Ford Academy of Manufacturing Sciences program aimed at preparing students for jobs. (1990)</strong></td>
<td><strong>The historic Walled Lake Amusement Park in Novi closes its doors for the last time. (1968)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Novi Community Schools and three school union groups are at a standstill while school is canceled until further notice. All three striking Novi school groups were given notice to report to work or face dismissal after two weeks of strike. (1982)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Planning Commission, 7pm</strong></td>
<td><strong>Car Seat Safety Check, 9am, Fire Station #4</strong></td>
<td><strong>CPL Class, 8am-5pm, PD Training Center</strong></td>
<td><strong>REMINDER Additional 3% penalty applies to delinquent 2019 Summer Property taxes received after September 14. Postmarks are not accepted.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Leo Harrawood’s Service Station, which was built and owned by Charles Trickey Sr. in 1929, is demolished. (1955)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Carnival Times</strong></td>
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**September 2019**

- **1st**: Labor Day
- **8th**: Ashura
- **15th**: Older Adult Services Advisory Board, 6:30pm Historical Commission, 7pm, Library
- **18th**: Older Adult Services Advisory Board, 6:30pm Historical Commission, 7pm, Library
- **19th**: Planning Commission, 7pm
- **20th**: PRCS Commission, 7pm
- **21st**: Car Seat Safety Check, 9am, Fire Station #4
- **28th**: We're OPEN
### October

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Novi Youth Assistance, 6pm

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Novi School District announces 1,953 students are enrolled in school. (1971)

**Halloween**: Oct 31, Novi Ice Arena

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**Columbus Day**: Oct 13

- **Beautification Commission**: 5pm

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**Sukkot Begins**: Oct 13

- **CERT Quarterly Meeting**: 6pm, PD Training Center
- **Friends of the Library**: Board, 7pm, Library

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**Shemini Atzeret Begins**: Oct 20

- **Older Adult Services Advisory Board**: 6pm, Library
- **Groundbreaking ceremony held for $224 million Providence Park Hospital. (October 2005)**

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**Diwali**: Oct 27

- **Halloween Skate**: 3pm, Novi Ice Arena
- **City Council**: 7pm

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- **Older Adult Services**: Halloween Luncheon, 12pm, MAC

**Day of the Dead**: Oct 31
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<td><strong>CPR Class, 6:30-10pm, Fire Station #4</strong></td>
<td><strong>Older Adult Services Veterans Celebration, 10:30 am Novi Youth Assistance Annual Meeting, 7:30am</strong></td>
<td><strong>Older Adult Services Veterans Celebration, 12pm MAC</strong></td>
<td><strong>American Girl Slumber Party, 6-8pm</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Welcome reception &amp; Swearing-in Ceremony, 8pm</strong></td>
<td><strong>Friends of the Library Board, 7pm, Library Planning Commission, 7pm</strong></td>
<td><strong>Older Adult Services Thanksgiving Luncheon, 12pm, MAC</strong></td>
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<td><strong>City Council, 7pm</strong></td>
<td><strong>Someone steals a prize Thanksgiving turkey, which was to be given away by Aunt Jemima's Kitchen restaurant on Wilson Road. The 35-pound bird was taken from its cage. (1966)</strong></td>
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**VETERANS DAY**

- City Offices, Meadowbrook Activity Center Closed. No Transportation.
- Library open 10am-9pm

**ELECTION DAY**

- CPR Class, 6:30-10pm, Fire Station #4

**CERT Mock Disaster, 8am, Fire Station #4**

**Older Adult Services Veterans Celebration, 10:30 am Novi Youth Assistance Annual Meeting, 7:30am**

**American Girl Slumber Party, 6-8pm**

**Addicted to Movies, Not Drugs, 10pm, Emagine Theatre**

**City Council approves two new subdivisions, Bradford of Novi and Dunbarton Pines No. 2. (1986)**

**Madonna’s (The Material Girl) scarf that was stolen (from a display at Twelve Oaks Mall) and later recovered by the Novi Police Department raises money for the Novi D.A.R.E program for students. (1990)**

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<td>REMINDER 2019 Winter Property taxes due, payable without penalty through February 14, 2020.</td>
<td>Happy Pawlidays! Santa pictures with your pup, 1pm-3pm, Township Hall</td>
<td>Chief BeGole, Sergeant Loeffler and Petromain Faulkner are involved in their first goat chase as the Novi Police Department is called out to take care of some garden theifing goats that are running amuck. (1961)</td>
<td>Cultural Arts Advisory Board, 6pm</td>
<td>Live Christmas Trees cost between $1 and $3. Novi residents could also purchase artificial trees for $50-$200. Now which one would you buy? (1978)</td>
<td>Light Up the Night, 6pm</td>
<td>Older Adult Services Caroling, 1pm, MAC</td>
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<td>Winter Youth Basketball &amp; Volleyball League Registration Deadline</td>
<td>Beautification Commission, 5pm</td>
<td>Board of Review, 9am</td>
<td>Friends of the Library Board, 7pm, Library Planning Commission, 7pm</td>
<td>Older Adult Services Holiday Luncheon, 12pm, MAC</td>
<td>Local officials and Providence Hospital representatives endure cold and windy weather to break ground for the hospital’s proposed ambulatory care center in Novi. (1978)</td>
<td>CPL Class, 8am-5pm, PD Training Center Brunch with Santa, 10:30am-12pm</td>
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<td>Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus of Echo Valley subdivision – Mr. &amp; Mrs. George Lindoerfer – are burned out of their home in a pre-Christmas fire. (1964)</td>
<td>Council Meeting, 7pm</td>
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<td>Car Seat Safety Check, 9am, Fire Station #4</td>
<td>Novi Concert Band, 2pm</td>
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<td>Novi School Board votes to approve soccer as a varsity sport for girls beginning in the spring of 1984. (1983)</td>
<td>Novi starts to realize that the ‘Good Old Days’ were not all that good with lower wages, working harder and longer, and no machines to help out with daily chores. (1961)</td>
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<td>Skate with Santa, 3pm, Novi Ice Arena</td>
<td>Novi author unveils the book “NOVI on the Tail: a history of Novi, Michigan.” Check it out at the Novi Public Library, it is still on the shelves. (1992)</td>
<td>Older Adult Services Advisory Board, 6:30pm Library Board, 7pm</td>
<td>Waste collection delayed one day.</td>
<td>City Offices, Meadowbrook Activity Center and Library Closed. No Transportation. Pilot has to land airplane in the field behind Novi Middle School after engine stalled out. (1986)</td>
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• Property taxes
• Property value and assessment
• Utility billing information

CITY CLERK
Cortney Hanson, City Clerk
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• Passport Applications
• Federal, State and Local elections
• Official Record Keeper
• Notary Services
• No Knock Registry

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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• Code Compliance
• Local land use laws, plans and environment regulations

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(248) 735-5628
• Media Relations
• Marketing / Communications
• Neighborhood Relations
• Studio No.VI
• Community Engagement

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(248) 347-0445
• Business Attraction and Retention

FINANCE
Carl Johnson, Director/Chief Financial Officer
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(248) 347-0465
• Accounting and budgeting
• Debt administration
• Accounts receivable and payable
• Maintenance of fiscally responsible government

HUMAN RESOURCES
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(248) 347-0452
• Employment Opportunities
• Employee benefits

INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS
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(248) 735-5605
• Facilities management
• Geospatial resources
• Parks and municipal grounds management
• Technology

LIBRARY
Julie Parkas, Director
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(248) 349-0720
• Adult, Teen and Youth services
• Art in the Library
• Friends of the Library
• Mobile services
• International Collection
• Local History Room

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES
Jeff Muck, Director
jmuck@cityofnovi.org
(248) 347-0400
• Recreation programming
• Cultural arts
• Older Adult services
• Facility reservations

PUBLIC SAFETY, POLICE AND FIRE
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dmolloy@cityofnovi.org
(248) 347-0504
• Police and Fire operations
• Emergency preparedness
• Safety Training and Education
• Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
• Emergency notifications

PUBLIC WORKS
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• Infrastructure asset management, such as roads, water main pipe and sanitary sewer
• Engineering
• Parks maintenance
• Forestry operations
• Fleet maintenance

TREASURY
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• Property Tax payment
• E-bill set-up
• Utility bill payment

YOUTH SERVICES
Youth Assistance
(248) 347-0410
• Adopt a family
• Mentors PLUS
• Family education
• Professional counseling

GENERAL INFORMATION
website: cityofnovi.org
phone: (248) 347-0460

City Administration Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

Police, Fire, Medical Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: (248) 348-7100

Parks Information Hotline: (248) 347-0473
Emergency Information Hotline: (248) 567-0311

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