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have always enjoyed reading through Engage and saying a quick hello to you in its opening pages, but this particular letter is bittersweet.

After nearly half a century of service to you and our Novi and much reflection on my tenure of dedication to our beloved community, I have decided to step aside as your mayor, enjoy life as a resident and serve in other capacities.

Reflecting on 48 years of public service as a Novi police officer, council member and mayor, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the trust and support you have given me. From when I first came to Novi in 1975 to when I became your mayor in 2011, I could have never imagined the wonderful opportunities and experiences we'd share or the profound impact our community would have on my life.

We've accomplished a lot together. We've grown our population exponentially, cemented our

place as leaders in providing a dynamic

economic culture and continued providing

openness, transparency, and inclusivity in

local government -- all while

having one of the lowest tax rates in Oakland County and being one of the

best places for families to live in the country. I can't wait to see what's in store for Novi's future.

Please know that serving you has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I hope I fulfilled your vision for our city when you first elected me and enjoyed living, raising your family, or growing your business in Novi as much as I have. Novi, its staff, elected officials, and, most importantly, its residents are simply the best. There is truly no other place on this earth I would rather be.

While I may be retiring from public office, this is not goodbye. I will always be a proud resident of our great city. I will always carry the memories we have created and the lessons I've learned from you with me, and I will be forever grateful for the love my family and I have received from our great community.

As always, I hope you flip through this Engage edition and find a program for you, learn something new and fall ever more in love with Novi as I do.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for allowing me to serve you all these years. It has been both an honor and a privilege I will always cherish. Sincerely,

Soh Hall

Mayor Bob Gatt

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SPLASH FROM THE PAST

Chuck Grewe takes refurbished Walled Lake Amusement Park boat back to Walled Lake.



MEET NOVI'S NEW CITY MANAGER

Victor Cardenas previously served Novi as Assistant City Manager for 12 years.



REFLECTING ON **NOVI'S GROWTH**

Mayor Gatt reflects on 48 years of service to Novi, 12 years as mayor, as he steps down from public office.



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Rentals are subject to state and county health orders.

Visit cityofnovi.org/rentals for Novi Civic Center Rental Rates

PARK SHELTERS

Reservations for 2023 are available online or in-person. Visit cityofnovi.org/rentals to learn more.

SPECIAL EVENT PACKAGE

This package includes all of the conference rooms, the multi-use quarters, activities room, atrium and kitchen. The package requires a four-hour minimum rental.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

45255 Ten Mile Road | 248.869.7204

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Mon-Thu 10am-9pm Fri, Sat 10am-6pm Sun 12pm-6pm

The Library has six meeting rooms available for rent. All Library Meeting Rooms, including the Patio, have Wi-Fi access. Some library meeting rooms are available outside of Library business hours. For information or reservations, call 248.869.7204 or email: administration@novilibrary.org.

NOVI ICE ARENA

42400 Nick Lidstrom Dr. | 248.347.6166

noviicearena.org
Party packages that include pizza or hot dogs, pop, cake, skating and more

are available for groups up to 30 people. To learn more about private ice time for special events, games, etc. please call 248.347.6166.



NATURE. NURTURE. NOVI.

Tree Decline in Urban Area Mon, 5:30-6:30pm Oct 9

Learn about the most common causes of tree decline and death in urban areas with City of

Novi Forester, Keith Salowich. Pre-register at cityofnovi.org.

Age: All ages Price: Free

Location: Lakeshore Park Building

Registration Deadline:

National Take a Hike Day Fri, 10am

Nov 17

Celebrate National Take a Hike Day with us! Forester Keith Salowich will join us on this stroll for a little Q&A. Pre-register at cityofnovi.org.

Age: All ages Price: Free

Location: Lakeshore Park Registration Deadline: Nov 16



MSU TOLLGATE PROGRAMS

Foxy Loxy on the Prowl Fri, 7pm Sep 29

Farm Animals are vulnerable to many predators. Sometimes the predators look cute and cuddly, but they are always hungry and often vicious. Let's chat about those that visit Tollgate and our strategies to keep our livestock safe. Register at https://bit.ly/46IRLPx.

Age: All Price: \$12

Location: MSU Tollgate Farm, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd

NATURE. NURTURE. NOVI. JR.

Trees of Maybury Hike Sept 30 10am-12pm

Join the DNR Explorer program as we explore and learn about the many number of trees

in our local state park. Trail guides will lead you on a hike around the park while explaining and educating on the various trees that you'll come across. For registration information, please contact Jeff Johns, Recreation Supervisor, at 248.347.0474.

Location: Maybury State Park, Meet at Trailhead Building

Pumpkin Patch Princesses Mon, 6:30pm

Oct 16

Come dressed up in your princess dress and get ready for a pumpkin party! Participants will be encouraged to dress up as paint and decorate our very own princess pumpkins. Cider and donuts will also be provided.

Age: 5+ Price: \$15

Location: Dodge Brothers Room at Lakeshore Park

Novi Parks Program Registration Online at cityofnovi.org

Download registration form and mail check to: 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375

Fall's The Time to Get Ready!

Date: Nov 13 Time: 6-7pm

Ever wonder what it takes for animals to get ready for hibernation and winter? We're happy to welcome out the Oakland County Parks Naturalists as we'll focus on animals preparing for winter and whether that means they are preparing for hibernation, migration, or if they just stay active all winter! This talk includes mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, etc. You won't want to miss out on this interactive discussion!

Ages: All

Location: Novi Civic Center

Cost: \$10R/\$12NR

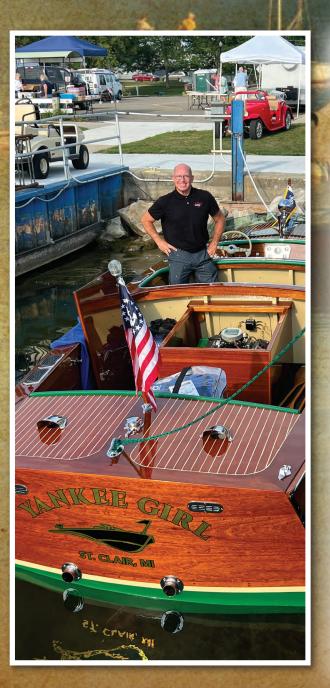




Bringing a piece of CORY

BACK TO WALLED LAKE





Chuck Grewe restores historic boat from Walled Lake Amusement Park

huck Grewe has bought and restored hundreds of boats, but only a few are as memorable as the historic boat from the Walled Lake Amusement Park boat rental.

From 1919 to 1968, hundreds of thousands spent their summer days and nights there fishing, swimming, camping, music, dancing, enjoying amusement park rides, and – of course – boating.

When Grewe was looking to buy a boat to refurbish in 1988, he knew it had to be one of the five 1955 Hacker Crafts from the Walled Lake Amusement Park. After hearing the history of the boat from the seller, Grewe knew he needed to add this boat to his collection and wouldn't take no for an answer.

"I asked him if the boat was for sale, and he said no," he said. "I asked him if it was for sale, how much would you want for it, and he told me. I pulled out the cash and told him I would take it, and he took it."

After buying the boat, Grewe learned that his friend, who worked at Hacker Craft with his father, remembers delivering the five boats to Walled Lake Amusement Park because of their unique configuration.

An avid lover of history, Grewe knew he wanted to bring the boat back to its former glory. It needed plenty of TLC and sat nearly untouched for decades until he retired, but after 22 months of restoration, Grewe made the 45-minute drive from St. Claire Shores for a nostalgic ride this past June.

"Ever since I bought this boat, I always thought someday I needed to take this boat back to Walled Lake," he said. "Hopefully, this brings back some fond memories from a bygone era."

It certainly brought back some memories for Betsy Lietz, who remembers riding in the boat as a child and couldn't describe the feeling of sitting in the boat again.

"I rode in those boats so many times," Lietz said. "I can still hear the bumbling in the water and the load motor from so many years ago. That's when I fell in love with boating, such good memories."

Now that the refurbished Walled Lake Amusement Park boat has taken the nostalgic ride, Grewe hopes it serves as a testament to a great time in history for Novi and the surrounding community.



DANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Classes with Allongé Dance Works

At Allongé Dance Works, we believe that all students deserve a nurturing environment to achieve their dance goals. Whether recreational or pre-professional, pre-teen or adult, all students are equally deserving of the best training we can offer. We strive to expand our students' skills through carefully curated curriculum and age-appropriate teaching. We achieve our high standard of training with our exceptionally knowledgeable and kind staff. The Allonge team includes; Chelsea Erickson, Director, Michelle Quenon, Ballet Mistress & Assistant Director, and Sarah Mervyn, Instructor.

Adult Jazz/Hip Hop Thu, 7:45-8:45pm Sep 7-Dec 7 No class Nov 23

If you are looking for a class that'll keep you energized and flexible, this is it! Have fun and work out as you learn jazz technique with other adults. This is a no judgement zone and perfect for anyone who has always wanted to dance or hasn't danced in a while. Each class begins with an upbeat warm up and ends with a short cool down stretch. We will also be learning a short piece of jazz choreography throughout the session.

Age: 16+

Price: Res. \$201.50/Non-Res. \$231.50

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 5

Instructor: Allongé Dance Works



Fri, 7:15-8:15pm Sep 8-Dec 8 No class Nov 10, Nov 24

This class allows teens and adults to learn ballet basics while improving flexibility, strength, and posture. If you've ever wanted to learn ballet, this class is for you! This is also a great class for adults who have done ballet in the past, as well as teens at a beginner level. The class will begin at the barre and teach fundamentals in a classical setting. All experience levels are welcome in this no-judgement ballet class.

Age: 16+

Price: Res. \$180/Non-Res. \$216 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 5 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works

Ballet I

Wed, 4:20-5pm Sep 6-Dec 6 Sat, 12:20-1pm Sep 9-Dec 2

Ballet I is for students looking to move beyond Princess Ballet. Students will begin with a stretch and light conditioning to increase flexibility and strength, and then proceed through classical ballet exercises at the barre and center.

Age: 5-9

Price: Wed - Res. \$232/Non-Res. \$267 Sat - Res. \$219/Non-Res. \$254

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works

Ballet II

Mon/Wed, 5-5:45pm

Sep 6-Dec 6

Ballet II is for students looking to move beyond Ballet I into more serious ballet technique. Students will begin with a stretch and light conditioning to increase flexibility and strength, and then proceed through classical ballet exercises at the barre and center.

Aae: 5-9

Price: Res. \$401/Non-Res. \$441 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works



Ballet III Mon/Wed, 5-5:45pm Fri, 4:15-5pm Sep 6-Dec 8 No class Nov 10, Nov 24

Ballet III is for the student who wants to improve their ballet technique. Students in this class are ready to learn more advanced turns and jumps while improving their strength and flexibility. Students will also learn variations to increase their classical repertoire knowledge. Ballet II and III will have combined classes on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Age: 5-9

Price: Res. \$557/Non-Res. \$613 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works

Ballet IV

Mon/Wed/Fri, 5:45-7:15pm Sep 6-Dec 8

No class Nov 10, Nov 24

Ballet IV is for the serious student who wants to improve their ballet technique. Students in this class are ready to learn more advanced turns and jumps while improving their strength and flexibility. Students will also learn variations to increase their classical repertoire knowledge. Teacher invitation only. Bun and uniform are required for each class.

Age: 7-12

Price: Res. \$654.50/Non-Res. \$719.50

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works **Contemporary** Fri, 5-5:45pm Sep 8-Dec 8

No Class Nov 10, Nov 24

Contemporary is a growing style that is very important for the young, serious dance to learn. Contemporary dance has grown out of modern dance, to allow the dancer more freedom in their movement. This class is based in ballet technique, so experience in ballet is highly recommended. This class is open to Ballet I, II, III or IV students.

Age: 5-13

Price: Res. \$206/Non-Res. \$237 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works

Hip Hop I Thu, 5-5:40pm Sep 7-Dec 7 No Class Nov 23

This fun high energy dance class will introduce participants to a variety of moves, steps, and footwork! Hip hop integrates fun floorwork with upbeat music and fun dance moves.

Age: 5-7

Price: Res. \$219/Non-Res. \$252 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works

Hip Hop II Thu, 5:40-6:20pm Sep 7-Dec 7 No Class Nov 23

Hip Hop II is for the slightly older and more advanced dancer who is ready for more complicated movement! This class will work on personal creativity and performance quality.

Age: 7-9

Price: Res. \$219/Non-Res. \$252 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works

Hip Hop III Thu, 6:20-7pm Sep 7-Dec 7 No Class Nov 23

Take your moves to new heights! This class is perfect for a dancer who already has hip hop experience and is looking for harder choreography and some new exciting hip hop tricks! This class also focuses on developing dancers' artistry and connection with their fellow dancers.

Age: 9-12

Price: Res. \$219/Non-Res \$252 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works



Jazz

Thu, 7-7:45pm Sep 7-Dec 7

No Class Nov 23

This class begins with a warm-up that focuses on coordination, strength, and flexibility, then moves to progressions across the floor. At the end of each class, dancers will learn a fun and upbeat dance to show off their new moves!

Age: 7+

Price: Res. \$219/Non-Res \$252 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works

Princess Ballet

Mon, 4:30-5pm, Sep 11-Dec 4 Thu, 4:30-5pm, Sep 7-Dec 7 Sat, 10-10:30am, Sep 9-Dec 2 Sat, 11:10-11:40am, Sep 9-Dec 2 No Class Nov 23

Introduce your little one to the beautiful world of ballet! This class is perfect for your little dancer to learn basic ballet positions, steps, and terminology, all while dancing to classical music. The class begins with a social minute to catch up with friends, then proceeds to a nice stretch on the floor. The bulk of the class will be the beginning of classical ballet "barre" and will end with freeze dance to let our creativity flow!

Age: 3-6

Price: Res. \$199.50/Non-Res \$229.50

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works

Tap & Toes I Sat, 10:30-11:10am Sep 9-Dec 2

This introductory class is perfect for any little dancer who wants to make some noise! The class will start with 20 minutes of ballet stretch and class, and then it is time to put on tap shoes! Students will learn beginning tap movements, and a fun dance to show them off! The class ends with freeze dance to engage your little dancer's creativity.

Age: 3-6

Price: Res. \$219/ Non-Res. \$252 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works

Tap & Toes II

Sat, 11:40am-12:20pm

Sep 9-Dec 2

If your little dancer already has tap and ballet experience, or is 5+ years old, this is the class for them! This class runs at a little faster pace than the first section of tap and toes and challenges your dancer to think and move faster! This class begins with basic ballet technique and ends with tap.

Age: 4-8

Price: Res. \$219/ Non-Res. \$252 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works Tap & Toes III Sat, 1-1:45pm Sep 9-Dec 2

Tap and Toes III is for the young dancer who has already taken Tap and Toes II or has comparable ballet or tap experience. This student is ready for more challenging tap steps and ballet technique! This class begins with basic ballet technique and ends with tap. This class includes a tap recital dance.

Age: 6-9

Price: Res. \$219/ Non-Res. \$252 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works

Baby Ballet Sat, 9-9:30am Sep 9-Dec 2 Sat, 9:30-10am Sep 9-Dec 2

Introduce your little one to the wonderful world of dance with this fun parent toddler class. Participants will have fun with basic movement and steps with the support of mom or dad.

Age: 2-3

Price: Res. \$149.50/ Non-Res. \$179.50

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Aug 30 Instructor: Allongé Dance Works



Hawaiian & Polynesian Dance

The Polynesian Dancers of Michigan and Halau 'O Ku'ukamali'l Kuikanani School of Dancer are excited to continue to bring authentic cultural experience and classes to Novi! Our dance school is under the direction of Kumu Hula Kau'l from Kaneohe, "Oahu and taught locally by Pamela Ku'ukamali'l Gibson. All classes are rooted in the traditional Halau Hula (Hula School) style of teaching and will integrate Hawaiian value, language, and proper cultural protocol in the learning process.

Kids Hula Level 1 (Beginner) Tue, 5:45-6:20pm **Sep 12-Nov 28** No class Nov 7, Nov 21

Age: 4-7

Price: Res. \$99/Non-Res. \$119 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Sep 5

Instructor: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan

Kids Hula Level 2 Tue, 6:25-7:10pm **Sep 12-Nov 28**

No class Nov 7, Nov 21

Age: 7-12

Price: Res. \$99/Non-Res. \$119 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 5

Instructor: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan

Kids Hula Advanced (Invite Only)

Tue, 5:45-7:10pm **Sep 12-Nov 28**

No class Nov 7, Nov 21

Age: 6-13

Price: Res. \$110/Non-Res. \$132 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 5

Instructor: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan

Advance Hula Performance Group (Invite Only)

Tue, 7:15-8:30pm **Sep 12-Nov 28**

No class Nov 7, Nov 21

Age: 13+

Price: Res. \$110/Non-Res. \$132 **Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 5**

Instructor: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan

Hula Competition Class (Invite Only)

Thu, 4:30-8:30pm **Sep 7-Oct 26**

Age: All ages

Price: Res. \$50/Non-Res. \$60 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 5

Instructor: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan

Adult & Older Adult Hula Fri, 9:30-10:30am Sep 15-Dec 1

No class Oct 20, Nov 10, Nov 24

Aae: 35+

Price: Res. \$96/Non-Res. \$115 **Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 5**

Instructor: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan

Adult Hula Basics Sat, 8:30-9:15am **Sep 16-Dec 2**

No class Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 25

Aae: 13+

Price: Res. \$99/Non-Res. \$119 **Location: Lakeshore Park Building**

Registration Ends: Sep 5

Instructor: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan

Adult Advance Hula (Invite Only)

Sat, 9:20-10:30am Sep 16-Dec 2

No class Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 25

Age: 13+

Price: Res. \$110/Non-Res. \$132 **Location: Lakeshore Park Building**

Registration Ends: Sep 5

Instructor: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan

Halau Hula - Returning Students

Sat, 10:35am-noon Sep 16-Dec 2

No class Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 25

Age: 13+

Price: Res. \$160/Non-Res. \$192 **Location: Lakeshore Park Building**

Registration Ends: Sep 5

Instructor: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Choralaires – Novi's Community Choir

Do you love to sing? Would you like to meet new people and take part in sharing the joy of music within our community? Join the Novi Choralaires! This is our community chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding area, who perform concerts for the public and at many community events. Open rehearsals will be held on Tuesday, September 12 and 19. No audition required. Choralaires rehearse on Tuesday evenings in the Novi Middle School choir room, located at 49000 W. Eleven Mile in Novi from 7:30 to 9:30pm.

For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, please visit the Novi Choralaires website novichoralaires.org or their Facebook page at http://facebook.com/novichoralaires.

Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band is always looking for musicians (winds, brass, percussion). We perform music for Novi and the surrounding area. All musicians are welcome to join rehearsals from 7:30 to 9:15pm in the Novi Middle School Band Room. We perform all styles of music. There is no charge for the performances, with donations being welcome. For additional information, go to noviconcertband@live.com.

Upcoming concerts are:

Oct. 29, 2-3 pm Novi Middle School

Dec. 17, 2-3 pm Holiday Concert Novi Civic Center

Musikgarten Tue, 10-10:40am • Sep 12-Nov 21 No Class Nov 7

Participate with your child in singing, chanting, moving, dancing, focused listening, and instrumental play. Through this music and movement, your child's musical aptitude and listening abilities are enhanced and further developed. Activities are designed to increase your child's curiosity about music, establish a sense of beat, as well as a foundation for singing and musical thought. Material fee of \$44 due to the instructor for family material kit on the first day of class. Kit includes: Parent book, CD & digital code, and instrument. Cash or check made out to Musical Expressions.

Age: 3 months-3.5 years Price: Res. \$140/Non-Res. \$168 Registration Ends: Sep 5 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Instructor: Janice Ferrarotti



THEATRE OPPORTUNITIES

Novi Youth Theatre partners with In the Mitten Productions to offer an excellent youth theatre program. Kim Gearns and her team provide youth, at all levels, a forum to showcase all they can do on the stage!

Novi Youth Theatre Presents Finding Nemo Jr.

Join Novi Youth Theatre for their production of Finding Nemo Jr.

Audition Date: Aug 27, 11am-3pm

Show Dates: Nov 16-19 Location: Novi Civic Center

Get your tickets online at cityofnovi.org.

ART OPPORTUNITIES

Glass Fusion: Haunted House Wed, 6-7:30pm **Sep 13**

Join us for this fun workshop at the Novi Civic Center! We will be designing a haunted house nightlight or tealight with local glass fusing artist, Laurie Freeman, of Kiss My Glass. This is a step-by-step instructional course and is appropriate for ages 10+ (when accompanied by a registered adult).



All materials for class will be provided. Dexterity is needed for light cutting of glass pieces.

Age: 10+

Price: Res. \$29/Non-Res. \$35 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Sep 6 **Instructor: Laurie Freeman**

Glass Fusion: Pumpkin Nightlight Tue, 2-3:30pm Oct 10

Join us for this fun workshop at Meadowbrook Activity Center! We will be designing a pumpkin nightlight with local glass fusing artist, Laurie Freeman, of Kiss My Glass. This is a step-by-step instructional course and is appropriate for ages 10+ (when accompanied by a registered adult).



All materials for class will be provided. Dexterity is needed for light cutting of glass pieces.

Aae: 10+

Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Ends: Oct 3 Instructor: Laurie Freeman

Glass Fusion: Turkey Time Thu, 6-7:30pm Nov 2

Join us for this fun workshop at Novi Civic Center! We will be designing a turkey nightlight or suncatcher with local glass fusing artist, Laurie Freeman, of Kiss My Glass. This is a step-by-step instructional course and is appropriate for ages 10+ (when accompanied by a registered adult). All materials for



class will be provided. Dexterity is needed for light cutting of glass pieces.

Age: 10+

Price: Res. \$29/Non-Res. \$35 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Oct 26 **Instructor: Laurie Freeman**

Glass Fusion: Snowman Nightlight Tue, 2-3:30pm **Nov 21**

Join us for this fun workshop at Meadowbrook Activity Center! We will be designing a snowman nightlight with local glass fusing artist, Laurie Freeman, of Kiss My Glass. This is a step-by-step instructional course and is appropriate for ages 10+ (when



accompanied by a registered adult). All materials for class will be provided. Dexterity is needed for light cutting of glass pieces.

Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Ends: Nov 14 Instructor: Laurie Freeman

Classes with KidCreate Studios

KidCreate Studio's award-winning art classes allow kids to explore art in an environment full of giggles and grins. Kids create fridge worthy masterpieces while learning art concepts and experimenting with different art materials. The curriculum is age-appropriate and designed to inspire. Classes provide a fun, self-esteem building atmosphere full of "I did it" moments!

My Favorite Art Class Sat. 9:30-10:30am **Sep 16-Oct 7**

This is the class your little artist has been waiting for! Painting, drawing, and clay-it's all so much fun! Your artist will have a blast while exploring many techniques, styles, and materials. We'll make silly clay owls and an adorable handprint flower garden; we'll even make a dinosaur that really glows in the dark. Come ready to get messy while you play right along with your child.

Age: 1.5-6

Price: Res. \$80/Non-Res. \$96 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 9



Art Academy Sat, 1-2pm Sep 30-Oct 28

Does your child love art? We will experiment with many techniques, materials, and styles as we make snow globes, paint on canvas, create clay characters and more. Come ready to have an artsy good time in this highly anticipated class!

Age: 5-12

Price: Res. \$90/Non-Res. \$108 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 23

Ghostly Goo Sat, 9am-noon Oct 14

Slippery, slimy, spooky...BOO! It's Halloween, so we're making ghostly goo! Create your own Halloween slime, then dress up a spooky jar to keep it in. The artists are invited to wear their costume to class for extra Halloween fun.

Age: 4-9

Price: Res. \$46/Non-Res. \$55 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Oct 7

Fairy Garden Sat, 1-4pm Oct 21

I do believe in fairies, I do! We'll use clay, paint, glitter, and more as we sculpt our very own enchanted fairy gardens. These adorable little fairy retreats will have sparkling streams, colorful flowers, a fairy swing, and more!

Age: 4-9

Price: Res. \$46/Non-Res. \$55 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Oct 14





Thanksgiving Craft Party! Mon, 5:30-8:30pm Nov 3

Parents, are you looking for a date night? Sign your kids up for some fun and get your last minute cooking done. The kids will start celebrating Thanksgiving early by creating a turkey that will be a wonderful addition to any Thanksgiving table! This is a great class for siblings to attend together.

Age: 4-9

Price: Res. \$44/Non-Res. \$53 Location: Lakeshore Park Building Registration Ends: Oct 27

Turkey Time Mon, 6-7pm Nov 13

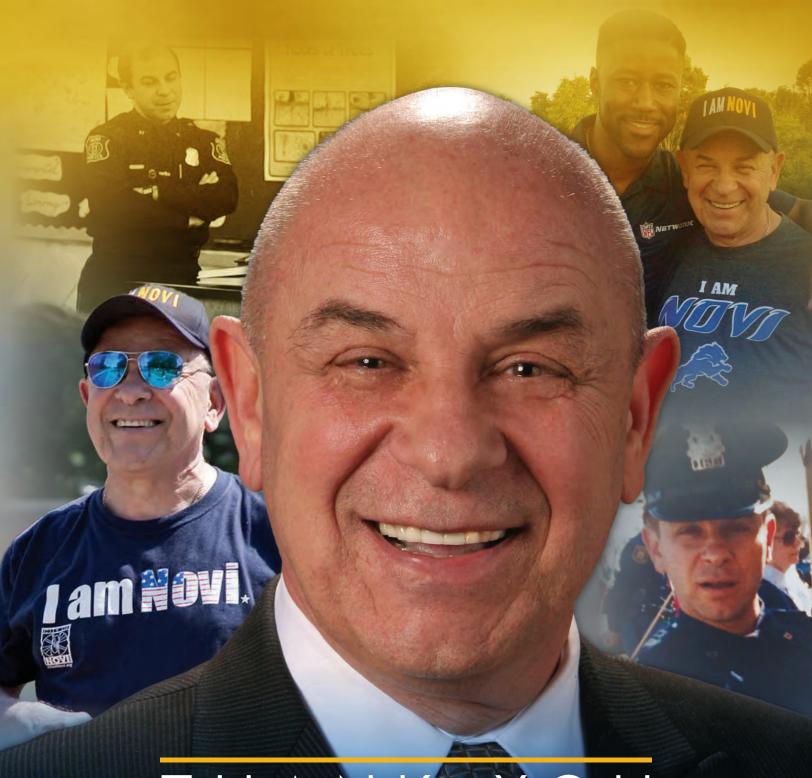
Those pilgrims sure were crafty! The kids will celebrate Thanksgiving by creating an adorable turkey using their handprints to paint. Come to class ready for mess-making and create right along with your child.

Age: 1.5-6

Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Nov 6

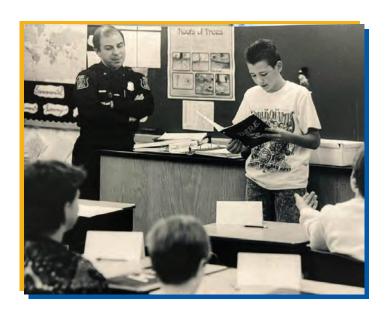






THANK YOU— MAYOR GATT

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66 IT'S BEEN THE **GREATEST PRIVILEGE** OF MY LIFE SERVING THE CITIZENS OF NOVI FOR THE LAST 48 STRAIGHT YEARS.

With the November elections approaching, the community of Novi will be looking to appoint a new mayor after 12 years.

Bob Gatt, Novi's current Mayor, has been a public servant for the City of Novi for nearly 50 years. Gatt announced his resignation after becoming the longest-serving Mayor in Novi history, first elected to that office in 2011.

Born and raised in Detroit, Gatt always dreamed of becoming a police officer; however, he jokes about never meeting height requirements with agencies. That is until learning about open positions in the Novi Police Department.

"Back in the 70's, to become a police officer, you had to be 5 foot 10 or taller," Gatt said. "I didn't even know where Novi was...but I called the police department, expressed interest, and inquired about a height requirement. To my good fortune, they didn't have one. Well, I got the job and the rest is history."

Gatt's love for Novi began in 1975 after being hired as a police officer. As an officer, he quickly realized Novi was a true gem and was in a position not only to provide a valuable public service, but also be a part of the growth and development of a community and help shape the future. It wasn't too far into his career when he was first introduced to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

"I read about it in a magazine and saw the LAPD was coming to Lansing to teach Michigan police officers," Gatt said. "I was interested and went to this two-week program, became a DARE officer and created the program



here in Novi. Soon after, the Michigan State Police then asked me if I would become an instructor. To this day, teaching DARE in our schools is one of the highlights and most rewarding times of my career."

Shortly after becoming an instructor, Gatt earned a promotion to the role of detective, which led him to become a sergeant shortly before his retirement in 2002.

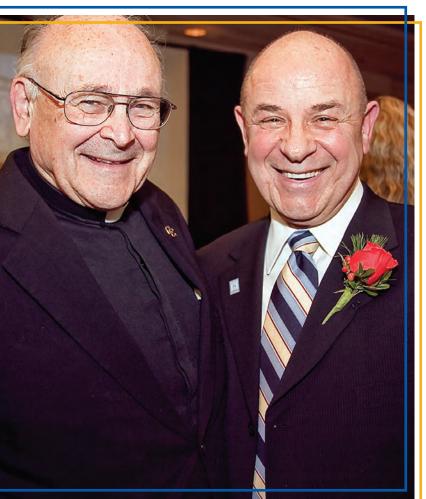
"I tell everyone, I loved being a Novi Police Officer. I would have done my job for free, but it was time for the next chapter in my story and the opportunity presented itself to work for the County in Community Corrections," Gatt shared.

Though he quickly found his way in his new role, Gatt still had a desire to give back to his hometown and chose to remain involved by applying for the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

After his experience in the ZBA, Gatt ran and was elected to Novi's City Council for four years, which ultimately piqued his interest in running for mayor.

"At this time, many exciting projects were happening in Novi and I was part of the decision-making process and discussions," Gatt said. "I wanted to continue to ensure Novi's tax base remained healthy, so in 2011, I ran and was elected as mayor and have run for mayor every two years since then."

Gatt said at an early age, he learned to become a giving person via his parents, which prompted his interest in law enforcement. During his time as a city council member and mayor, he applied these principles to his interactions with the Novi community.





"I have always known the most important thing wasn't Bob Gatt or what he wanted; it was my neighbor, my fellow citizen," Gatt said. "It was my obligation to make them feel safe and welcomed. Everything I have done over the years has been to make Novi a better place and do what I felt was in the best interest of residents and businesses as a whole."

Throughout the span of 48 years, Gatt says his positivity is one thing that he believes will remain part of the impact he left.

"I just believe in being a positive person always, no matter what," Gatt said. "Even in the face of a crisis, you've got to remain positive because you have to get through it, and you have to be a

Gatt hopes future leaders of Novi look back at his positivity and apply it to their own ways of leadership to continue Novi's "arch towards greatness."

Along with keeping positivity, Gatt hopes the Novi community continues its path of being one of the best communities in Michigan (his words) as his term comes to an end this November.

"I gave my life to Novi," Gatt said. "I hope whoever takes over understands what it took to get where we are now and what it takes to be a leader. Leadership isn't something just given, it must be developed, and I hope the future leaders of Novi adopt that trait."

Gatt shared meaningful advice to the future leaders of Novi as he plans to remove his opinions from any future decisions made by the next mayor.

"You will never be able to please every single person," Gatt said. "You have to do what's best for the city of Novi, and if they can do that, I am sure things are going to work out perfectly."

While he is retiring from local politics, Gatt plans to continue as Manager of the Oakland County Animal Shelter, the largest in the state of Michigan.

"I am going to fade into the background and enjoy watching the new leaders lead," Gatt said. "They are not going to be bothered by the former Mayor Bob Gatt; I can promise you that. I have always said it's sunny and 85 degrees somewhere, every day in Novi ... my goal will be to find that place each day."

As Gatt reflected on his years as mayor, he expressed his thanks to the people of Novi and those who supported him throughout his terms.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone, thank you to everybody I have been able to serve," Gatt said. "If I have ever done anything to displease someone, I apologize. It was never my intention to do anything negative. I just always did what I thought was right and in the best interest of the City."

"It's been the greatest privilege of my life serving the citizens of Novi for the last 48 straight years."

BIRTHPLACE

THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

LIGHT THE LIGHTS WITH US THIS NOVEMBER

Kick off the holiday season at the City of Novi's new Light the Lights City of Novi's new Light Nov. 17, celebration on Friday, Nov. 17, from 6-9pm at Fountain Walk! The can't-miss event will feature a tree lighting, fireworks, entertainment, and fun for all ages. For more information, visit cityofnovi.org.

VOLUNTEER WITH NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE



Novi

Strengthening Families
Through Community Involvement

Make a difference as a Novi Youth Assistance volunteer! Youth Assistance programs are community-based and developed by volunteers who live or work in the communities they serve. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please email mcgregore@oakgov.org or call 248.675.3089.

BE PREPARED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION



With over 46,000 registered voters, the Novi City Clerk's office is preparing for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 7. This year, absentee voters can now utilize the four drop-off ballot boxes at the Civic Center or three new ballot drop-off boxes around Novi. If you have any questions regarding the election and to view drop-off ballot locations, visit cityofnovi.org/elections.

DROP OFF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Dispose of your Household
Hazardous Waste at the Novi
Department of Public Works,
26300 Lee BeGole Drive, on
Oct. 7 from 9 am to 2 pm. The
free event allows you and your
family to throw away household
hazardous items, such as cleaners,
paints, herbicides, insecticides,
and solvents, that would harm the
environment if thrown away during
standard trash collection. For more
information, visit rrrasoc.org.



SHARE IT

The Community Bulletin Board Page is just what it says. If you have events, photos or accomplishments you'd like to share with the community, please email communityrelations@cityofnovi.org.



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OUTDOOR FITNESS

Happy Trails Thu, 5:30pm Jun-Oct



Join this social and active walking group! The benefits of regular walking include lifting your mood, strengthening your bones, and maintaining a healthy weight. We will rotate between different trails around the city. Walks will average 45 minutes. Wear your best walking shoes, explore Novi's trails, and meet new people. Please register at cityofnovi.org to receive information on walk locations.

Price: Free

FITNESS

Drums Alive!
Tue, 10:45-11:30am
Sep 19-Nov 14 (6 wks)
No Class Oct 10, Oct 17, Nov 7
Wed, 11:30am-12:15pm
Sep 20-Nov 15 (7 wks)
No Class Oct 11, Oct 18

Exercise to the beat of your own drum – literally! Feel and experience the pulsating rhythms, dynamic movements, and powerful percussions of this high-energy fitness program with a beat. The workout combines traditional aerobic movements with the powerful beat and rhythms of drums. You'll use a provided large exercise ball with a pair of drumsticks. The best part is that anyone can do it, regardless of age, fitness level or physical limitations.

Age: 18+

Price: 6 wks - Res. \$36/Non-Res. \$43 7 wks - Res. \$42/Non-Res. \$50

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 12 Instructor: Madison Lachance

Stretch and Strength Mon, 9-10am Sep 11-Oct 30 (8 wks) Nov 6-Dec 18 (7 wks) Wed, 9-10am Sep 13-Nov 1 (8 wks) Nov 8-Dec 20 (7 wks) Fri, 9-10am Sep 15-Nov 3 (8 wks) Nov 17-Dec 22 (5 wks) No class Nov 24

Improve your stamina, strength, and flexibility. Each workout includes a cardio workout (low or high impact aerobics), strength training and stretching. All exercises are adaptable so you can work at your own pace. Exercises are done standing and/or sitting. Join us for a variety of great music and laughs! Bring hand-held weights and a water bottle. Jo has been teaching this popular class since 1994.

Age: 40+

Price: 5 wks - Res. \$30/Non-Res. \$36 7 wks - Res. \$42/Non-Res. \$50 8 wks - Res. \$48/Non-Res. \$58 Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center Registration Ends: first day of class

Instructor: Jo Schirtzinger, Leisure Unlimited



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Zumba

Wed, 6:45-7:45pm

Sep 6-Oct 18 (7 wks)

Nov 1-Dec 13 (7wks)

Thu, 6:30-7:30pm (Zoom Only)

Sep 7-Oct 19 (7 wks)

Nov 2-Dec 14 (6 wks)

No class on Nov 23

Zumba classes combine fast and slow cardiovascular movements set to Latin beats and high energy music. No dance experience is necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing, tennis shoes, and have a water bottle handy.

Age: 12+

Price: 6 wks - Res. \$36/Non-Res. \$43

7 wks - Res. \$42/Non-Res. \$50

Location: Wed, Nov 15 at Meadowbrook Activity Center,

Thu-Zoom

Registration Ends: Wed classes Sep 4/Oct 30,

Thu classes Sep 5/Oct 31 Instructor: Elizabeth Shaieb

Zumba Gold

Sat, 9:30-10:30am

Sep 9-Oct 14 (6 wks)

Oct 21-Dec 2 (6 wks)

No class Nov 25

Mon, 6:30-7:30pm

Sep 11-Oct 16 (6 wks)

Oct 23-Nov 27 (6 wks)

Zumba Gold is a fun, lower impact dance aerobics class modeled after the original Zumba! Perfect for active older adults, people new to fitness or those just looking for a lower intensity class. Gold blends the world rhythms you love with easy-to-follow choreography. Each class focuses on safely strengthening all your muscles while improving balance, range of motion, and coordination. Come ready to have fun and leave empowered.

Age: 18+

Price: Res. \$45/Non-Res. \$54

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Ends: Sep 4/Sep 7, Oct 16/Oct 19

Instructor: Pam Janson

Zumba Gold Party!+9

Thu, 6-7:30pm

Aug 24

Join instructor Pam Janson for a free Zumba Gold class! This class accommodates all levels of fitness for ages 18+. Learn the basic steps and safety techniques of Zumba Gold before participating in a 45 to 60-minute class that is sure to get you moving and increase your heart rate. Following the workout, mingle over snacks. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a small dish to pass and get ready to have fun. Pre-register at cityofnovi.org.

Age: 18+ **Price: Free**

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Instructor: Pam Janson

Morning Tone & Stretch Mon, 9:15-10:15am

Sep 25-Oct 30 (6 wks)

Nov 13-Dec 11 (6 wks)

Wed, 9:15-10:15am

Sep 27-Nov 1 (5 wks)

No class on Oct 11

Nov 15-Dec 13 (4 wks)

No class Nov 22

Fri, 9:15-10:15am

Sep 29-Nov 3 (6 wks)

Nov 17-Dec 15 (4 wks)

No class Nov 24

This class works all the major muscles of the body with the use of handheld weights. Improve bone density and strength. Boost metabolism to aid in weight loss. Improve posture. You can work at a lower level and work your way up. (Mat and weights provided).

Age: 18+

Price: 4 wks Res. \$32/Non-Res. \$38 5 wks Res. \$40/Non-Res. \$48

6 wks Res. \$48/Non-Res. \$58

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 20/Nov 8 Instructor: Kimberly Chilton, CPT

Keep on Movin'

Mon and Wed 10:45-11:30am

Sept 25-Nov 1 (12 classes)

Nov 13-Dec 13 (9 classes)

No class Nov 22

Improve circulation and reduce stiffness through range of motion, build strength, balance, and flexibility. Most exercises are done seated in a chair, so this class is especially accommodating for those with bad knees, hips, and other limitations.

Age: 50+

Price: 9 classes Res. \$54/Non-Res. \$65 12 classes Res. \$72/Non-Res. \$86

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Ends: Sep 20/Nov 8 Instructor: Kimberly Chilton, CPT

Tai Chi Chu'an Beginner/Intermediate

Tue, 5:45-6:45pm Oct 10-Dec 12 (8 wks)

No class Oct 31, Nov 7

Dec 19-Feb 13 (8 wks) • No class Dec 26

Tai Chi Chu'an, sometimes referred to as "meditation in motion," is an ancient Chinese martial art consisting of a sequence of low-impact, slow, graceful motions that relax and strengthen the mind, body, and spirit. Thai Chi Chu'an is endorsed by the Arthritis Foundation. Participants learn at their own pace and no experience is needed. Classes are intended for the more active adult. This class will introduce Wu Style Tai Chi Chu'an principles focusing on coordinated breathing, basic movements which improve balance while learning the short 12 step form. Students will learn five basic warm-up exercises, coordinated breathing exercises, balance and weight shift controls that will prepare students for the longer standard 108 form.

Age: 18+

Price: Res. \$64/Non-Res. \$77

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center Registration Ends: Oct 10/Dec 19 **Instructor: Wendy Williams**







Tai Chi Chu'an Intermediate+ **Tue, 7-8pm** Oct 10-Dec 12 (8 wks) No class Oct 31, Nov 7 Dec 19-Feb 13 (8 wks) No class Dec 26

This is an ongoing class for the continued study of Wu Style Tai Chi Chu'an. Students improve upon basic principles, warm-ups, breathing meditation, and learn more advanced forms beginning with the 108 Standard Form and the 54 Competition Form. Perquisite: 12 Step Form, Beginner Level.

Age: 18+

Price: Res. \$64/Non-Res. \$77

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center Registration Ends: Oct 10/Dec 19 **Instructor: Wendy Williams**

Chair Yoga Tue, 10-10:45am Sep 12-Nov 14 (9 wks) No class Oct 10

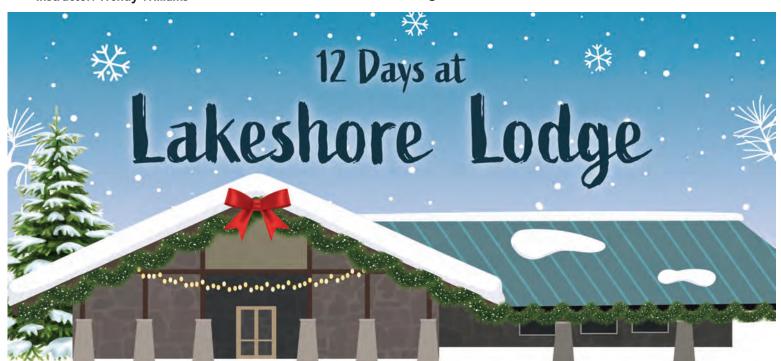
> Chair Yoga is a gentle practice in which postures are performed while seated and/or standing with the aid of a chair. Chair yoga can also benefit a beginner student getting acquainted with the different postures as well as practicing the link of breath and movement. Class also incorporates a variety of strength, flexibility, balance, and range of motion exercises.

Age: 18+

Price: Res. \$54/Non-Res. \$65

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Ends: Sep 8 Instructor: Iris Lokar Registration Ends: Oct 10



December 4-15

More information about fun holiday happenings coming soon. Visit cityofnovi.org for updates.





ADULT DANCE

See pages 9 for Adult Ballet, Adult Jazz, Adult and Older Adult Hula, and Adult Beginner Mexico Lindo (cultural arts section)

ADULT SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Adult 3 on 3 Basketball League Wed, 8-10pm (Indoor), 6-8pm (Outdoor) Sept 13-Nov 1

The Adult 3 on 3 Basketball League in Novi has been going strong for a few seasons and its time for the spring and summer seasons! Season includes seven nights of doubleheaders, 25 minute time limit, and an official will oversee the contest. The top four teams will play the eighth week for a shot at the championship! Please not the June-July league could run into August if there are rainouts.

Age: 18+

Price: Team \$126 (* Referee fee: \$12 per game/

per team paid on site)

Individual \$42

Location: Novi Middle School Courts (Outdoor),

Novi Community Schools (Indoor)

Registration Ends: Sept 6

CORNHOLE

Adult Cornhole Leagues

Social: Tue, 6:15-7:30pm • Competitive: Tue, 7:45-9pm Oct 3-Nov 14 (no games Oct 31)

Join Novi Parks for this popular tailgating game! Each team has two players, but subs can be added to team rosters. Teams will play at least four single games each week. Following a five-week regular season, a tournament will take place in the final week. All leagues are recreational, but the "competitive" league is for teams with some experience.

Age: 18+

Price (per team): Res. \$60/Non-Res. \$72 Location: Lakeshore Park Building

Registration Ends: Sep 20

GOLF

Golf League 55+ Mens Bonus League Mon

Sep 18- Oct 16

Enjoy five more weeks of golf with this bonus league opportunity! Participants must be at least age 55 or over. Golf cart fee of \$5 is paid directly to the golf course and is based on two people sharing a cart. The league will consist of partners playing a round-robin schedule. Partners will be chosen for you unless specified.

Price

Non-Riverbank Member: Res. \$74/Non-Res. \$89 Riverbank Member: Res. \$14/Non-Res. \$29

Location: Riverbank Golf Course and Banquet Center

24095 Currie Road, South Lyon

Registration Ends: Sep 7

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball Lessons w/Fred Procter Tue, 2:30-3:30pm (Beginner), 4-5pm (Advanced Beginner) Oct 17-Nov 21

The six-week session will be your opportunity to stop by and learn with other players in the area! Please note for Advanced Beginner: To assure players gain the maximum benefit from the class, participants must be playing Pickleball regularly, understand scoring and be able to successfully perform basic skills such as serving, returning and approaching the net. Coach Procter has many years of pickleball experience and looks forward to sharing his knowledge with you! Paddles will be available, but we suggest you bring your own. Balls will be supplied.

Age: 18+

Price: Res. \$64/Non-Res. \$77 Location: SPARC Arena Registration Ends: Oct 10

Pickleball Specialty Lessons w/Fred Procter Tue, 3-4pm, 4:30-5:30pm Nov 28, Dec 5

The skill specific lessons will feature dink and third shot drop for one class, and volley/net play for the other. These clinics are designed to enhance the skills of players who are playing regularly. To see which skill set is featured in what time slot, check out our website. Balls will be supplied. Balls will be supplied.

Age: 18+

Price: Res. \$14/Non-Res. \$17 **Location: SPARC Arena Registration Ends: Nov 18**

Pickleball Ladder League

Thu, 5-6:30 pm (Outdoor), Sun, 1-2:30pm (Indoor) Sep 7-Oct 12 (Outdoor), Oct 15-Dec 17 (Indoor)

This program is perfect for pickleball players who want to get out and play against others in the area. The outdoor league is 6 weeks and the indoor league is 8 weeks. You will remain on your court each week while rotating with four other players. During the day you will play one game with each partner to 11 on your court and record your scores. Winning percentages on the ladder will determine. Please note: This league is recreational in nature, but a basic understanding of Pickleball is expected. Prizes will be awarded to the top players!

Age: 18+

Price: Res. \$44/Non-Res. \$53 - Outdoor

Res. \$59/Non-Res. \$71- Indoor

Location: Wildlife Woods Courts/Sparc Arena

Registration Ends: Aug 31, Oct 8

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis w/ Michigan Table Tennis Academy Wed, 7-8:30pm

Fall Session 1: Sep 13-Oct 18

Fall Session 2: Oct 25-Dec 6 (No class Nov 22)

Join Coach David Kleshchik, former Table Tennis Champion of Ukraine, to learn the fundamentals of table tennis! This sport offers a mix of mental, physical, and social benefits. No matter what your age, table tennis can benefit your health and help improve reflexes and coordination.

Age (Time): 7-17

Price: Res. \$96/Non-Res. \$115 Location: SPARC Arena

Registration Ends: Aug 31/Oct 12

VOLLEYBALL

Adult Volleyball Open Gym Friday, 8:05-10pm Sept 15-Dec 8

Perfect for adults who want to play volleyball for fun! Registration is required and it will be limited to the first 20 registrants. No class on November 24.

Age: 16+

Price: Res: \$54/Non-Res. \$64 **Location: Village Oaks Elementary**

Registration Ends: Sept 7



Chair Volleyball Tue & Thu, 1:45-3pm

Chair volleyball is great for upper body mobility and joint flexibility. It enhances your muscle tone, reflexes, hand-to-eye coordination, and endurance. The game is played with a beach ball and a five foot high net. Rules are similar to regular volleyball except you are sitting down!

Age: 55+ **Price: No Charge**

Location: Novi Civic Center

Registration Ends: Drop-In Program

KARATE

Family Self Defense Center (FSDC) offers award-winning, family friendly Isshinryu karate classes. Students will work with a certified instructor for one-hour per week. Kata and weapon training along with some traditional FSDC training games will be utilized. Classes will be grouped by specific belt rank.

Beginner Karate (White, Yellow, Orange, Blue Belts)

Tue, 6-7pm

Fall Session: Sep 26-Dec 12 (no sessions

Oct 31 & Nov 21)

Age: 5+

Price: Res. \$120/Non-Res. \$144 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Sep 26

Instructor: Family Self Defense Center

Advanced Karate (Purple, Green, Brown Belts)

Tue, 7-8pm

Fall Session: Sep 26-Dec 12 (no sessions

Oct 31 & Nov 21)

Aae: 5+

Price: Res. \$120/Non-Res. \$144 **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Sep 26

Instructor: Family Self Defense Center



Black Belts Tue, 7-8pm

Fall Session: Sep 26-Dec 12 (no sessions Oct 31 & Nov 21)

Age: 8+

Price: Res. \$85/Non-Res. \$102 Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 26

Instructor: Family Self Defense Center

YOUTH SPORTS

BASEBALL

Little Hitters/Sluggers Baseball Classes

Wed, 5:30-6:15pm (3-5 yrs old) / Wed, 6:15-7pm

(6-8 yrs old)

Sat, 11:10-11:55am (3-5 yrs old) / Sat, 12:10-12:55pm

(6-8 yrs old)

Sep 6-Oct 4, Oct 11-Nov 8, Nov 15-Dec 13 (Wed)

Sep 9-Oct 7, Oct 14-Nov 11, Nov 18-Dec 16 (Sat)

Sep 7-Oct 5, Oct 12-Nov 9, Nov 16-Dec 14 (Wed)

Sep 10-Oct 8, Oct 15-Nov 12, Nov 19-Dec 17 (Sat)

These introductory classes are great for future All-Stars! Experienced coaches work with players on learning the proper techniques of baseball throwing, hitting, fielding and running. Class will include drills that will better each player while they learn the game of baseball.

Instructor: Total Baseball staff

Ages: 3-5/6-8

Price: Res. \$110/Non-Res. \$132

Location: Total Baseball Complex, 30990 S. Wixom Rd

Registration Ends: Aug 30/Oct 4 /Nov 8

BASKETBALL

Fun Time Sports Basketball Tue • Sep 12-Oct 10

We aim to help your child develop basic basketball skills in a fun and positive environment. This is a fantastic way to get your child learning about and playing one of the world's most exciting games. NO experience is necessary, but it is a plus. Your child will learn dribbling, passing, shooting and defense. Older players will have a chance to fine tune their skills and learn in-game strategies.

Age: 5-7, 6-7pm 8-10, 7-8pm 11-13, 8-9pm

Price: Res. \$100/Non-Res. \$120 Location: Novi Community Schools

Registration Ends: Aug 30

Leisure Unlimited Youth Basketball Clinic Wed, 5:45-6:45pm • Sep 13-Oct 18, Nov 1-Dec 13

For the beginning or intermediate player. Kids will learn passing, dribbling, shooting and develop a better understanding for the game. We'll cover strategy, offensive plays, defenses and player positions. Our emphasis is on effort, teamwork and sportsmanship. No class November 15 and November 22.

Age: 7-10

Price: Res. \$90/Non-Res. \$108 (Sep class) Res. \$75/Non-Res. \$90 (Nov class) Location: Novi Meadows 6th Grade Gym Registration Ends: Sep 6/Oct 18 Fall House Basketball Leagues

Weekly Practices (Once a week, preferences considered): Oct 16-Dec 15

Saturday Games: Oct 28-Dec 16

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, you better bring your "A" game. Players are placed on teams, receive uniforms, and play games against teams in their division. Co-Ed K-Co-Ed 2nd will have wrist bands to help with defense.

If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, please indicate so during the registration process. Coaches will receive \$25 credit to their account for future use in any Novi Parks program. Coaching credits will stay on your profile for two years.

Grades/Divisions*

Coed KindergartenBoys 3-4Coed 1Boys 5-6Coed 2Boys 7-8Girls 3-5Girls 6-8

*Leagues may be combined or split based on registration numbers

Price: Res. \$124/Non-Res. \$149 Location: Novi Community Schools

Registration Deadline: Sep 13 (Registration after this date may

be taken based on availability only and a \$10 late

fee will apply)

Winter season begins the week of January 8 and registration for players who do not play in Fall begins November 15. Winter may be limited due to construction throughout the Novi Community School district.

CORNHOLE

Parent/Child Cornhole League Thu

Oct 3-Nov 9

Join Novi Parks for this popular tailgating game! Cornhole is a simple and fun game for all ages. Each team has two players. Teams will play at least four single games each week. Following a five-week regular season, a tournament will take place in the final week.

Age: 7-12 (6:15-7:30pm), 13-17 (7:45-9pm) Price (per team): Res. \$50/Non-Res. \$60 Location: Lakeshore Park Building

Registration Ends: Sep 20



Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services in partnership with In The Mitten Productions

production of

DISNEP : PIXAR

November 16-19

AUDITIONS: Sunday, August 27 11am-3pm

Novi Civic Center | Grades 1-8
Register for auditions at cityofnovi.org/theatre



Book, Music and Lyrics by **KRISTEN ANDERSON-LOPEZ** and **ROBERT LOPEZ**Book Adapted by **LINDSAY ANDERSON**Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by **MYRNA CONN**

DISNEY'S FINDING NEMO JR.

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com Based on the 2003 Disney/Pixar film Finding Nemo written by Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton

For more information contact Novi Parks at 248.347.0400





FENCING

Introduction to Fencing Wed, 4-5pm Thu, 4-5pm Sun, 12:45pm-1:45pm Nov 1-29 (Wed) Oct 5-26 (Thu) Sep 10-Oct 1, Oct 8-29, Nov 5-Dec 3 (Sun) 12:45pm-1:45pm

Fencing is a physically and mentally demanding sport that improves speed, agility, and reflexes. Join us to learn how to apply problem solving skills under pressure and to show respect, regardless of the result. Use your mind and body to overcome your adversary. Equipment is included. Dress in sports clothing including sneakers and sports pants. No class November 27.

Age: 7-15

Price: Res. \$110/Non-Res. \$122

Location: Parkview Elementary (Wed), Deerfield Elementary

(Thu), Lakeshore Park Building (Sun)

Registration Ends: Sep 5, Sep 28, Oct 2, Oct 26, Nov 1

SOCCER

Soccer Skills & Drills by Nak4Fit

Oct 24-Dec 5 (No class Nov 7)

Join Coach Laine Nakfoor to stay in shape and improve your game. Sessions will focus on individual skill development, ball control, beating opponents, scoring goals, and improving speed and fitness.

Age (Time): 7-10 (7:15-8:15pm), 11-16 (8:15-9:15pm)

Price: Res. \$84/Non-Res. \$100 **Location: Novi Community Schools** Registration Ends: Oct 19 (or until full)

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis w/ Michigan Table Tennis Academy Wed, 5:30-7pm

Fall Session 1: Sep 13-Oct 18

Fall Session 2: Oct 25-Dec 6 (No class Nov 22)

Join Coach David Kleshchik, former Table Tennis Champion of Ukraine, to learn the fundamentals of table tennis! This sport offers a mix of mental, physical, and social benefits. No matter what your age, table tennis can benefit your health and help improve reflexes and coordination.

Age (Time): 7-17

Price: Res. \$96/Non-Res. \$115 **Location: SPARC Arena**

Registration Ends: Aug 31/Oct 12

TENNIS

Youth Beginner Tennis with Todd Beyer or Staff

Learn the sport of a lifetime! Students will be taught the fundamentals of how to hold the racquet, correct swing technique for all strokes and proper footwork. Bring your own racquet and plan to hit a lot of balls in this fast-paced program with Coach Todd Beyer.

Ages	Day	Dates	Time			
Fall Session 1:						
7-10	Wed	Sep 20-Oct 11	7:15-8:15pm			
7-10	Fri	Sep 22-Oct 13	6:15-7:15pm			
11-15	Wed	Sep 20-Oct 11	8:15-9:15pm			
Fall Session 2:						
7-10	Wed	Oct 18-Nov 29*	7:15-8:15pm			
7-10	Fri	Oct 20-Dec 1*	6:15-7:15pm			
11-15	Wed	Oct 18-Nov 29*	8:15-9:15pm			
*No classes on Nov 22-24						

Session 1 Price: Res. \$58/Non-Res. \$70 Session 2 Price: Res. \$87/Non-Res. \$104

Location: Novi Woods Gym Registration Ends: Sep 14/Oct 12

Youth Intermediate Tennis with Todd Beyer or Staff

Take the next step in your tennis development! Students will focus on footwork, improving serves, slice/topspin groundstrokes, learning how to build a point, and playing competitive games. Bring your own racquet and plan to hit a lot of balls in this fast-paced program with Coach Todd Bever.

Ages	Day	Dates	Time			
Fall Session 1:						
7-10	Thu	Sep 21-Oct 12	7:15-8:15pm			
7-10	Fri	Sep 22-Oct 13	7:15-8:15pm			
11-15	Thu	Sep 21-Oct 12	8:15-9:15pm			
11-15	Fri	Sep 22-Oct 13	8:15-9:15pm			
Fall Session 2:						
7-10	Thu	Oct 19-Nov 30*	7:15-8:15pm			
7-10	Fri	Oct 20-Dec 1*	7:15-8:15pm			
11-15	Thu	Oct 19-Nov 30*	8:15-9:15pm			
11-15	Fri	Oct 20-Dec 1*	8:15-9:15pm			
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Location: Novi Woods Gym Registration Ends: Sep 14/Oct 12



VOLLEYBALL

Fall House Volleyball Leagues Weekly Practices (Once a week, preferences considered):

Oct 16-Dec 15

Saturday Games: Oct 28-Dec 16

Beginners and experienced players will dig this league. Players are placed on teams, receive uniforms, and play games against teams in their division.

If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, please indicate so during the registration process. Coaches will receive \$25 credit to their account for future use in any Novi Parks program. Coaching credits will stay on your profile for two years.

Grades/Divisions*

Girls 1-2 Girls 3-4 Girls 5-6 Girls 7-8

*Leagues may be combined or split based on registration numbers

Price: Res. \$109/Non-Res. \$131 **Location: Novi Community Schools**

Registration Ends: Sep 13 (Registration after this date may be taken based on availability only and a \$10 late fee will apply)

Fun Time Sports Volleyball Mon

Sep 11-Oct 9

We aim to help your child develop basic volleyball skills in a fun and positive environment. This is a fantastic way to get your child involved in a Fun Time playing the fast-paced game of volleyball. NO experience is necessary, but it is a plus. Your child will learn serving, bumping, setting and everyone's favorite spiking! Older players will learn jump serves, reverse sets and more advanced skills, fine tune skills that they have already acquired and learn in game strategies.

Age: 7-8, 6-7pm 9-10, 7-8pm 11-12, 8-9pm

Price: Res. \$100/Non-Res. \$120 **Location: Novi Community Schools**

Registration Ends: Aug 30

TUMBLE BUNNIES

Itty Bitty Bunnies Gymnastics Mon, 6-6:30pm, Session 1, Sep 18-Nov 6/Session 2,

Nov 13-Dec 18

Thu, 9:30-10am, Sep 21-Nov 9

This class has parents working with their child in a fun, energetic class that is filled with a variety of activities such as gymnastics focused warm-ups, movement to music, and many activities on different equipment. Comfortable clothing required.

Age: 18 months-almost 3

Price: Session 1 Res. \$100/Non-Res. \$120,

Session 2 Res. \$85/Non-Res. \$102 **Instructor: Tumble Bunnies**

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 13

Bizzy Bunnies Gymnastics

Mon, 6-6:30pm, Session 1, Sep 18-Nov 6/

Session 2, Nov 13-Dec 18 Thu, 9:30-10am, Sep 21-Nov 9

Tumble Bunnies includes a warm-up, across the floor activities, movement to music, and an outrageously fun obstacle course. Each child will be introduced and learn cartwheels, handstands, bridges, flips and a variety of skills on many different pieces of equipment. Comfortable clothing required.

Age: 3-4

Price: Session 1 Res. \$100/Non-Res. \$120,

Session 2 Res. \$85/Non-Res. \$102

Instructor: Tumble Bunnies **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Sep 13

Happy Hoppers Gymnastics

Mon, 6-6:30pm, Session 1, Sep 18-Nov 6/

Session 2, Nov 13-Dec 18

Thu, 9:30-10am, Sep 21-Nov 9

Students will be introduced to the wonderful world of gymnastics by using equipment such as balance beams, bars, trampoline, vault, octagons, wedge mats and so much more. Classes are fun, fast-moving, and challenging. Comfortable clothing required.

Age: 5-7

Price: Session 1 Res. \$100/Non-Res. \$120,

Session 2 Res. \$85/Non-Res. \$102

Instructor: Tumble Bunnies Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 13

Volleyball

Wed, 5:30-6pm, 3-4 yrs old

Sep 20-Nov 9

Wed, 6-6:30pm, 5-7 yrs old

Sep 20-Nov 9

In this program your child will be introduced to the wonderful world of volleyball! They will learn beginner skills such as bumping, setting, spiking and much more. Comfortable clothing is all that is required.

Age: 3-7

Price: Res. \$100/Non-Res. \$120 Instructor: Tumble Bunnies **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Sep 15





42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive 248.347.6166 novicearena.com

Learn to Skate Fall 1 Session 2023 Tuesdays, 4:50 - 7:35pm Fridays, 2:00 - 3:00pm Saturdays, 9:20 - 11:35am September 1 - October 28

Fall 2 Session 2023 Tuesdays, 4:50 - 7:35pm Fridays, 2:00 - 3:00pm **Saturdays, 9:20 – 11:35am** October 31 - December 23

The Suburban Skating School provides nationally recognized Learn to Skate programming within our communities in a professional, inclusive, and safe environment. Our passionate staff empowers individuals to pursue various avenues of skating and achieve their goals, be it in figure skating or ice hockey. Skating with us is a fun way to build confidence while finding health, happiness, and opportunities on the ice.

Age: 3 - Adult

Price: Starts at \$110/6 weeks Location: Novi Ice Arena

Fall 1 Registration Ends: August 31 online, September 25 in

Fall 2 Registration Ends: October 30 online, November 27 in

person

ICE HOCKEY

Hockey Development Program - Fall September 23 - December 16 Saturdays, 11:45am - 12:35pm

A fun, challenging environment for players to develop fundamental skills including balance and agility, backward skating, stickhandling, passing and receiving, shooting and game concepts. Some skating experience required.

Age: 8 & Under, 9-14

Price: \$190/session, \$350/Fall and Winter sessions

Location: Novi Ice Arena

Fall Registration Ends: September 20 online and in person

(dependent on registration)



Download registration form and mail check to: 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375

REACHING THE MOUNTAINTOP

→ WILDCATS DELIVER FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN PROGRAM HISTORY →

oach Rick Green always wondered what it was like on the bus ride home from Michigan State after winning the Division 1 baseball state championship.

After 159 teams competed for a state championship, Green was able to live out his dream when Novi High School came home with the title for the first time in program history this past season.

"It was an incredible feeling that is hard to put in words," he said.

While nearly everyone counted them out at the beginning of the

season, Green always knew they had a fighting chance with a great coaching staff and players, particularly their pitching.

One of Green's "go-to" guys on the team was Senior Captain, First Team All-State & PBR First Team All-State Pitcher Andrew Abler.

"Winning it all was just surreal," Abler said. "Just seeing the entire team and Coach Green so happy meant a lot to me and everyone."

While Abler's parents gave him the option to play for other schools, he knew Novi Community School District was the right place for him because of being able to play for Green, and he couldn't think of a more deserving coach to be MHSBCA D1 Coach of the Year and PBR Coach of the Year.

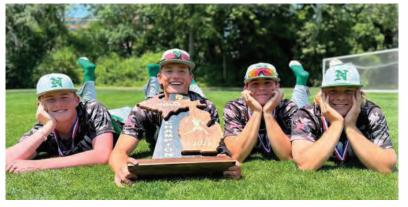
"I was mainly Coach of the Year because I had a great coaching staff and I had great players," Green said. "I owe it all to them."

Abler, who is excited to continue playing collegiately while getting his education at Harvard University, believes the primary key to success this season was the chemistry and camaraderie the team had with each other, and Green agrees.

"I really believe these guys loved each other and enjoyed each other's company more than any time I've ever coached, and that goes a long way," Green said. "We also always had a good plan and stuck to it. All of us working together, being on the same page and communicating well was a great combination this year... and the talent and experience helps too."

Abler even grew up playing t-ball with teammate Alex Czapski, an assistant senior captain and PBR Honorable Mention All-State.

"It'll be tough to ever beat the feeling when we finally won," said Czapski, who pitched for the Wildcats and will begin his collegiate career at Grand Valley State University this upcoming season. "Not only did we win a state championship, but we did it with such a tight group. We were all so close to each other, which made it that much better."



Czapski finds it hard to describe how special it was pitching in the quarterfinals and other monumental games this season. The cherry on top for him? Seeing the community support their path to the championship.

"It was good to genuinely see our community back the team and baseball and know we were playing for something bigger than ourselves," Czapski said.

Coach Green also believes the Novi community played a key part in the success of the team.

"Seeing everyone at Michigan State was incredible," Green said. "I really want to thank the community for all their support."

And while Abler and Czapski will be off continuing their careers, Green said he wouldn't count the upcoming team out for a repeat, with 16 players from the championship team returning next year to put on the jersey.

"A day after we won the championship, we were already talking about next year," Green said. "We're losing some really good players, but we also have some great players coming back, and they now know what it's like to compete for that championship."

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Enhance

Promoting Healthy, Active Lifestyles

CITY OF NOVI OLDER ADULT SERVICES OFFICE 45175 TEN MILE ROAD

(between Novi and Taft Roads) Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Older Adult Services Office: Transportation Services: Daily Lunch Meal Reservations: Meals on Wheels: Weather Hotline: 248.347.0414 248.735.5617 248.347.0489 810.632.2155 248.347.0473

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JOIN A PROGRAM, STAY FOR LUNCH

Are you ready for some friends, food, and fun this fall? Looking for a great way to socialize, enjoy a nutritious meal and meet new friends? Join a program and stay for lunch on weekdays at the Meadowbrook Activity Center! Make or cancel lunch reservations 24 hours before Monday-Friday by calling Western Oakland Meals on Wheels at 248.347.0489 by noon.



FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS

One-fourth of Americans 65 and over fall each year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Falling can put older adults' independence and safety at risk and create significant financial and personal strain. As we highlight Fall Prevention Awareness Month in September, you can learn about programs tailored to meet the fitness, coordination, strength and balance needs of all levels later in this edition.



GET READY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment is just around the corner. Receive free, expert advice from a certified Medicare/ Medicaid Assistance Program volunteer, who will review highlights and any changes for 2024 that you will need to know to make informed decisions. Call 248.347.0414 for more information and to register for the upcoming event on Oct. 12.



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month. This year's theme is focused on preparing older adults for a disaster. Older Adults may have specific needs after a disaster. To learn more about how to be better prepared, visit ready.gov/older-adults.

THANK YOU, JOHN!

One aspect of Older Adult Services that makes programming so great is its wonderful volunteers, including John Benedetto, who has been a bingo caller since 2018. Thank you, John and all the other volunteers who help Novi's Older Adult Services shine. If you are interested in volunteering or want more programming information, call 248.347.0414.



LET US DO THE DRIVING!

Be independent and continue a healthy, active lifestyle. Specialized transportation service to medical appointments, shopping, work and more is provided for residents 55+ or those younger than 55 with a limiting disability. There is no charge for rides within the City of Novi and a \$5 one-way fee outside the City of Novi within a 10-mile range.

Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. Transportation is available 8-7 p.m. Monday-Friday (last pickup is 6:30 p.m. in Novi or 6 p.m. outside of Novi) and 9-3 p.m. Saturday (last pickup is at 2:30 p.m.) Call (248) 735-5617 between 7-4 p.m. Monday-Friday to schedule a ride.



City of Novi Older Adult Services Office Novi Civic Center - 45175 Ten Mile Road

Contact City of Novi Older Adult Services:

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Transportation Services: 248.735.5617
Daily Lunch Meal Reservations: 248.347.0489
Meals on Wheels: 810.632.2155
Weather Hotline: 248.347.0473

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SOCIAL

Sip, Sip, Hooray! Thu, 7-9pm Aug 24

Close out the summer with a toast! Grab your friends and celebrate with us. You bring the drinks (hops & grapes permitted) and we'll provide the charcuterie style fare, games and entertainment. Bring your lawn chairs and relax outside while listening to the hits of the 60s-today. Prizes will be raffled off at the end of the night. Register at cityofnovi.org or at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services desk in the Novi Civic Center.

Age: 40+ suggested

Price: Res. \$10/Non-Res. \$12 Location: Lakeshore Park Registration Deadline: Aug 18

Honored Citizens' Day at the State Fair Aug 31

On Honored Citizens' Day, all individuals aged 62 and older will enjoy free fair-only admission to the State Fair. State Fair hours on Aug 31 are 11am-10pm. Parking at Suburban Collection Showplace is free.

Age 62+ Price: Free

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace

Learn to Play Rummikub Mon, Noon-3pm Sep 11

Learn to play this tile-based game that combines elements of rummy and mahjong. Fast-paced with easy gameplay, players take turns placing numbered tiles in runs or groups, rummy style. The first player to use all their tiles wins. For groups of 2-4 players.

Age:55+

Price: No Charge

Location: Novi Civic Center

Ice Cream Social Wed, 3-4pm Sep 15

What a great way to chill out after a hot summer! Come enjoy ice cream with all the toppings, socialize, and meet new people. Pre-registration is required at cityofnovi.org.

Age: 55+ Price: \$3

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Deadline: Sept 8



Oktoberfest Celebration Thu, 6-8pm **Sep 21**

Bring your own hoppy brew and we'll provide fun, traditional German munchies, and entertainment. Prizes will be raffled off at the end of the night. Register at cityofnovi.org or in-person at the Novi Civic Center.

Age: 21+

Price: Res. \$10/Non-Res. \$12 **Location: Lakeshore Park Building**

Registration Deadline: Sep 14 or until sold out

Pinochle/Euchre Tournament Sat, 2-7pm Oct 7

Register to play, visit with friends, and win a bunch of games. Maybe even win the tournament prize! Enjoy a tasty luncheon, and then go home happy. Register at cityofnovi. org or in-person at the Novi Civic Center.

Age: 55+

Price: Res. \$8/Non-Res. \$10 **Location: Novi Civic Center**

Registration Deadline: Sep 29 or until sold out

Learn to Play Mahjong Wed 1-4pm Oct 18, 25, Nov1,15

Learn how to play mahjong, a game of strategy, skill, and luck, similar to the card game Gin Rummy. It is played with tiles instead of cards. Free instructional sessions. It is important to attend the first 3 classes to participate in 4th wrap-up practice session.

Pre-registration is required by calling 248.347.0400.

Age:55+

Price: No Charge

Location: Novi Civic Center

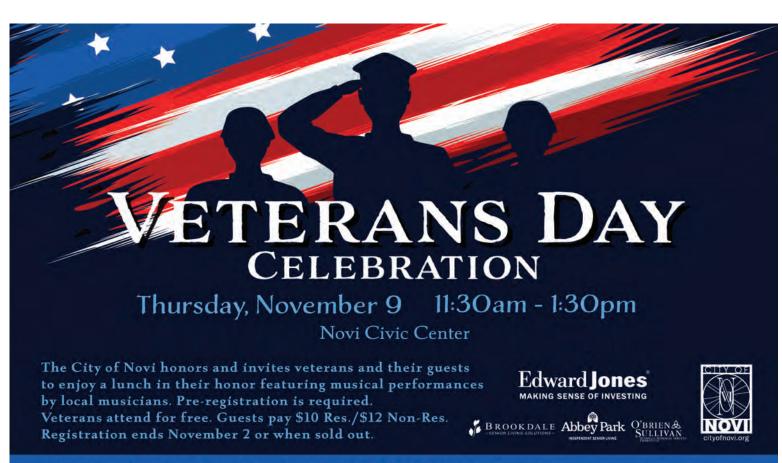
Veterans Day Celebration Thu, 11:30am-1:30pm Nov 9

The City of Novi wishes to honor all our local heroes by inviting veterans and their guests to enjoy a lunch in their honor featuring musical performances by local musicians. Pre-registration is required at cityofnovi.org/veteransday or in-person at the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call 248.347.0414.

Aae: 18+

Price: FREE for Veterans; Guests: Res. \$10/Non-Res. \$12

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Nov 2



Visit cityofnovi.org/veteransday or call 248-347-0414 for more information and to register.

Thanksgiving Luncheon, **Grateful Hearts Gather Here** Thu, Noon-2pm **Nov 16**

Come join us as we break out the "Attitude of Gratitude" for our Thanksgiving lunch party. We will have entertainment and a traditional holiday menu. Register at cityofnovi.org or in-person at the Novi Civic Center.

Age: 50+

Price: Res. \$15/Non-Res. \$18

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Ends: Nov 10

Happy Trails Thu, 5:30pm Sep-Oct

Join this social and active walking group! The benefits of regular walking include lifting your mood, strengthening your bones, and maintaining a healthy weight. We will rotate between different trails around the city. Walks will average 45 minutes. Wear your best walking shoes, explore Novi's trails, and meet new people. Please register at cityofnovi.org to receive information on future walks. For more information, contact Older Adult Services at 248.347.0414.

Price: Free

Ladies Lunch Bunch Wed, 1pm

Grab your friends and visit a different local restaurant each month. This social group is a great way to meet new people and try delicious new foods. Venture out and have some fun! Just show up at the designated location each month and ask for the Ladies Lunch Bunch.

Sept 13 – Longhorn Steak House

289639 Wixom Rd, Wixom

Oct 11 – Applebee's Grill & Bar

47900 Grand River Ave, Novi

Nov 8 - IHOP

43317 Grand River Ave, Novi

Age: 50+ **Price: Varies**

Table No.VI Wed, 6pm

Welcome to Table No.VI! It's time to gather for an evening of fun and food. Put away the skillet because there is no need to make dinner tonight. Discover great dining experiences in and around Novi. This group will meet each month at a diverse collection of restaurants ranging from fine dining to casual. Call 248.347.0414 up to two days before each meeting to let us know you will be joining the group. Sept 20-Shiro

43180 Nine Mile, Novi

Oct 18- Bahama Breeze

19600 Haggerty, Livonia

Nov 15- Brentwood Grill

43150 Grand River, Novi

Age: 50+ **Price: Varies**

Chinese Club Mon, 10am-noon Sep 11-Nov 27 (no meeting Sep 4)

This program is designed for Chinese older adults interested in enjoyable cross-cultural experiences. Mandarin speaking older adults will learn the English language, reading and writing skills needed for their daily lives.

Age: Adults **Price: Free**

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

"All Things Yarn" - Knitting/Crocheting Circle Tue, 1:30-4pm

This group enjoys any form of handwork, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, etc. Meet up every Tuesday and enjoy chatting, laughing and making new friends. Knowledge and basic skills for your craft are recommended, but the group is ready to offer help with projects. Bring your own needles and hooks that work with worsted weight yarns. Yarn and patterns are provided. For information, contact Beverly Mc-Carter at 248.302.1258.

Age: 55+

Price: Free. Yarn donations are accepted. **Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center**

Glass Fusion: Pumpkin Nightlight Tue, 2-3:30pm **Oct 10**

Join us for this fun workshop at Meadowbrook Activity Center! We will be designing a pumpkin nightlight with local glass fusing artist, Laurie Freeman, of Kiss My Glass. This is a step-by-step instructional course and is appropriate for ages 10+ (when accompanied by a registered adult). All materials for class will be provided. Dexterity is needed for light cutting of glass pieces.

Age: 10+

Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Ends: Oct 3 Instructor: Laurie Freeman

Glass Fusion: Snowman Nightlight

Tue, 2-3:30pm

Nov 21

Join us for this fun workshop at Meadowbrook Activity Center! We will be designing a snowman nightlight with local glass fusing artist, Laurie Freeman, of Kiss My Glass. This is a step-by-step instructional course and is appropriate for ages 10+ (when accompanied by a registered adult). All materials for class will be provided. Dexterity is needed for light cutting of glass pieces.

Age: 10+

Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Ends: Nov 14 Instructor: Laurie Freeman



CARDS AND GAMES

Benefits of getting something social on your calendar include stress relief, improved brain function and better connections with others.

No cards/bingo/mahjongg on Sept 4, Nov 6-10, Nov 23-24

MONDAY

PINOCHLE (Single Deck) - Noon-3pm Price: \$1.25 at the door. Novi Civic Center

ADVANCED MAHJONG - 12:30-4pm

A competitive game for advanced players. Current official Mahjong card required.

Price: Free. Novi Civic Center

TUESDAY

MAHJONG - 10am-noon

Current official Mahjong card required.

Price: Free. Novi Civic Center

WEDNESDAY

EUCHRE – Noon-3pm

Price: \$1 and \$.10 per euchre at the door.

Novi Civic Center

THURSDAY

SAMBA - Noon-3:30pm

Price: Free. Novi Civic Center

FRIDAY

DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 12:30-3:30pm

You MUST HAVE A PARTNER for this game.

Doors open at 11:45am

Price: \$1 at the door. Novi Civic Center

BINGO - 1-3pm

Doors open at 12:45pm

Price: \$.50 per card at the door. Meadowbrook Activity Center

OUT AND ABOUT WITH OAS

Ready to plan a vacation or a day trip? Check out the Novi Group Travel Program! All trips are planned by local travel experts. Stop by the Older Adult Services office or Meadowbrook Activity Center to pick up informational brochures. New travel opportunities are added to our flyer rack regularly. Check out our travel webpage at https://bit.ly/novigrouptravelprogram to see upcoming trips from the comfort of your home. Relax and leave the planning and driving to the experts.

Travel Opportunity Updates

Call 248.347.0414 and let us know your email address to be added to our travel e-mail blast list and receive updates as new travel opportunities are added to our offerings.

Novi Group Travel Fair Tue, 1:30-3:30pm Oct 10

For the first half hour of the fair, travel agents will showcase their sensational trips and answer questions. Afterward, you'll hear interactive presentations about upcoming travels with the opportunity to ask questions. Enter the raffle for a chance to win a door prize! Participating Travel Agencies: Rybicki Tours, Travel Treasures and Tours, and Premier World Discovery.

Age: 55+ Price: Free

Location: Novi Civic Center



LIFE-LONG LEARNING

NO.VI Senior Book Club Wed, 1:30-2:30pm

Sep 20, Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

Nov 15, Readers' Choice/Suggestions for the next year's book club Join this book discussion group created just for you! Book clubs are a great way to meet new people, discover new books and authors, and learn from each other's thoughts and experiences. This group will meet every other month, and discussions will be led by a Novi Librarian, Rae Manela.

Age: 55+ **Price: Free**

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center, Craft Room

Powerful Tools for Caregivers™ Mon, 1-3pm

Oct 2-Nov 6

This six-week workshop will provide you with tools and strategies to better handle the unique caregiver challenges you face. This workshop is presented in association with the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. Pre-registration required by calling AAA 1-B at 1.800.852.7795.

Price: Free

Presenter: Area Agency on Aging 1-B staff

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Sep 29

Medicare: What You Should Know 2024

Thu, 10-11am **Oct 12**

Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP, Inc.) is a private, non-profit agency that is not connected with any insurance company and does not sell insurance products. MMAP will be reviewing selected highlights and any changes for 2024 including Medicare scams and Medicare Advantage TV ads. Everything you need to know to make informed decisions. Pre-registration required at cityofnovi. org or by calling 248.347.0414.

Age: Adults currently enrolled in Medicare

Price: Free

Presenter: Representatives from MMAP Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Ends: Oct 10

One-on-One Technology Assistance Fri, 4-5pm Sep 8, Oct 20, Nov 3

Teen volunteers will help you troubleshoot technological hurdles you've been struggling with. Device instructions will be limited to iPad, cell phone and laptop. Learn from the experts how to navigate apps, email, camera and more. Presented in association with Technanagy. Pre-registration required at cityofnovi.org or by calling 248.347.0414.

Age: 55+ **Price: Free**

Presenters: Technanagy - A student volunteer organization striving to help all senior citizens find joy in

technology.

Learn more at technanagy.org.

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Smart DriverTEKSM - Get Smart About New Vehicle **Technology** Thu, 10-11:30am

Oct 19

Cars are becoming more technologically advanced every day and show no sign of slowing down. Smart DriverTEKSM is here to help! In this in-person 90-minute, interactive workshop, drivers will learn all about blind-spot warning systems, forward collision warnings, smart headlights and more. You'll also receive a vehicle technology checklist. Pre-registration required at https://bit.ly/SDTEK-Novi-20231019 or by calling 877.805.0458.

Age: 55+ Price: Free

Instructor: Mike Allie, AARP Volunteer Instructor

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Oct 17

AARP Smart Driver Program Thu-Fri, 12:30-4:30pm Oct 24-25

Learn proven safety strategies to maintain your confidence behind the wheel in a comprehensive driver refresher course geared toward the specific needs of the older motorist 55+. More program information is available at aarp.org. *Proof of membership required. Checks must be made payable to AARP. Pre-registration required by calling 248.347.0414.

Age: 55+

Price: Pay at the Door > AARP Members \$20*/Res. and

Non-Member/Non-Res. \$25

Instructor: Al Darold, AARP Volunteer Instructor

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Oct 20



Cutting the Cord Tue, 6-7pm Sep 19

"Cutting the Cord" is the term used for those who drop their cable tv service in favor of using the internet to "stream" their favorite shows. Have you wondered how you would go about doing this? Can you save money? What are the advantages and disadvantages? How complicated is it? This one-hour discussion will answer those questions and many more. Pre-registration required at cityofnovi.org or by calling 248.347.0414.

Age: 55+ **Price: Free**

Instructor: Mike Allie **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Sep 18

NEW - Dementia Friends Wed, 1-2pm Sep 20

Older Adult Services is delighted to invite you to a special event that aims to build awareness and empower family and community members to become better "friends" to those living with dementia. It provides valuable insights into the challenges faced by people with dementia and offers practical strategies for offering empathy, understanding, and support. During the session you will gain a deeper understanding of how dementia affects daily life, discover practical tips on communicating effectively with individuals living with dementia, and gain access to additional resources. Understanding and supporting individuals with dementia is crucial, and we believe that together, we can create a more compassionate and inclusive environment for everyone. Pre-registration required at cityofnovi.org or by calling 248.347.0414.

Age: 55+ **Price: Free**

Presenter: Representatives from Area Agency on Aging 1-B **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Sep 19

FINANCIAL AND RETIREMENT PLANNING

Estate Planning Basics Thu, 6-7pm Oct 12

Learn the benefits and goals of proper estate planning and the downside of do-it-yourself techniques. A variety of legal documents will be explored and explained such as Revocable Living Trusts, Last Will and Testaments, Durable Powers of Attorney, and Patient Advocate Designations. Discussions will be centered on how to achieve common estate planning goals such as ensuring assets are distributed where and when desired, taxes are minimized or avoided, probate court is avoided, information stays private, desired individuals are put in place to make medical treatment decisions and handle financial affairs and to manage a probate estate or trust, etc. Pre-registration required at cityofnovi.org or by calling 248.347.0414.

Age: 55+ Price: Free

Instructor: Eric Glick, Glick Law **Location: Novi Civic Center** Registration Ends: Oct 11

EXERCISE AND FITNESS

Our certified group fitness instructors are dedicated to helping you reach your goals. From fast moving dance style exercise to gentle, slow movement-based workouts, classes are specifically designed to meet the fitness needs of all ability levels. Unsure which class is best for you? Try any fitness class once for free. Call 248.347.0414 to learn how. Refer to page 19 for a list of fitness class dates and times.

Chair Volleyball Tue, 1:45-3pm

Chair volleyball is great for upper body mobility and joint flexibility. It enhances your muscle tone, reflexes, hand-toeye coordination, and endurance. The game is played with a beach ball and a five-foot-high net. Rules are similar to regular volleyball except you are sitting down!

Age: 55+ Price: Free

Location: Novi Civic Center

Registration Ends: Drop-In Program

NATURE. NURTURE. NOVI

See page 6 for details regarding Nature. Nurture. Novi programs.



Matter of Balance: Managing **Concerns about Falls** Fri, 10am-noon **Sep 22-Nov 10**

Join us for an in-person eight-session, interactive lecture series to learn strategies to lower your risk for falls. Plus, learn how you can improve strength, coordination, and balance. Pre-registration required at cityofnovi.org or by calling 248.347.0414.

Age: 55+ **Price: Free**

Instructor: Vanessa Mier, Ascension

Location: Novi Civic Center **Registration Ends: TBD**

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

NEW – Taking Care of YOU: Caregiver Health Wed, 1-2pm Nov 8

Caring for yourself is one of the most important—and one of the most often forgotten—things you can do as a caregiver. Join us to learn how you can ensure your needs are met while you are taking care of others. Pre-registration required at cityofnovi.org or by calling 248.347.0421.

Age: 55+ **Price: Free**

Instructor: Carmen Stokes, PhD, Ascension

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Nov 7

NEW - Medication Safety for Older Adults Thu, 10-11:30am Oct 26

Poisoning related to medication is consistently among the top 5 reasons for calls to poison centers. Unexpected and unintentional exposures to substances including medication can happen anywhere, but most happen in a home. Learn how to prevent unwanted exposure to medication & other substances wherever you are. Pre-registration required at cityofnovi.org or by calling 248.347.0414.

Age: 55+ Price: Free

Instructor: Denise Kolakowski, Michigan Poison & Drug

Information Center

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Registration Ends: Oct 24

Free Blood Pressure Screening Program Wed, 11am-noon Sep 6-Dec 27

Your blood pressure record will be on file so you can track your BP numbers. Pre-registration not required. Blood glucose checks are performed the second Wednesday of each month, upon request.

Age: 55+ **Price: Free**

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Therapeutic Massage Mon-Thu, 9am-4pm Sep 5-Dec 28

Call to schedule an appointment:

- Mon sessions call Peggy Schwartz, LMT at 734.634.0254.
- Tue-Thu sessions call Lisa Firth, LMT at 248.894.3071.
- No Massage Nov 23, Dec 25, 26.

Age: Adult

Price: 15 Minute - Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30 30 Minute - Res. \$40/Non-Res. \$48 60 Minute - Res. \$56/Non-Res. \$67

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center, 3rd Floor Clinic

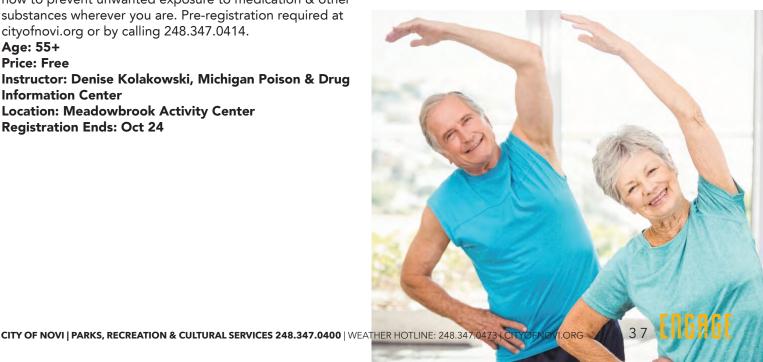
Assisted Stretching Tue-Wed, 9am-4pm Sep 5-Dec 27

Assisted Stretching improves your ability to complete daily living activities like getting up from a seated position, reaching, bending, and sitting for extended periods. Call Lisa Firth at 248.894.3071 to schedule an appointment. No Massage July 4.

Age: 55+

Price: 30 Minute - Res. \$40/Non-Res. \$48

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center - 3rd Floor Clinic



EXPERT ADVICE

One-On-One Counseling for Medicare Part D **Annual Open Enrollment** Mon-Fri, 1-4pm Oct 15-Dec 7

The Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program will be holding one-on-one in-person counseling sessions to assist you with any questions you have about Medicare Part D annual enrollment for 2024. You need your Medicare Card, any other insurance ID cards, and list of the prescription medications you currently take. MMAP is a grant-funded, non-profit organization that is not connected with any insurance company and does not sell insurance products. Call 248.347.0414 to make an appointment starting September 15. Limited availability.

Age: Adults enrolled in Medicare

Price: Free

NEW - Medicare Part D - Guided Enrollment Workshop

Mon, 10-11:30am

Oct 30

Mon, 1-2:30pm

Oct 30

Review and enroll in your Medicare Part D Plan for 2024 led by MMAP Counselors. They will guide you step by step through the process. To participate, you must bring a laptop and be ready to it use to enroll. Pre-registration required at cityofnovi.org or by calling 248.347.0414.

Age: Adults enrolled in Medicare

Price: Free

Instructors: John Howland and Megan Schira,

MMAP Counselors

Location: Novi Civic Center Registration Ends: Oct 27

Estate Planning Consultations

FREE 30-minute, no obligation consultations will allow you to ask questions about probate, wills, trusts, power of attorney, patient advocate, conservatorship, guardianship and more. Call 248.347.0414 to make an appointment for a phone, virtual or in-person consultation.

Aae: 55+ **Price: Free** Ask the Lawyer **Tue, 1-3pm** Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12 **Meadowbrook Activity Center** Wed.

5:30-7pm Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20 **Novi Civic Center**

Glick Law Firm is hosting FREE 30-minute sessions to answer your questions about probate avoidance, tax avoidance, wills, power of attorney, asset protection, estate planning and more. Pre-registration required. Call 248.347.0414 to make an appointment for an in-person consultation.

Age: 55+ **Price: Free**

SUPPORT SERVICES

Durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm

Items such as mobility aids including canes, walkers, wheelchairs, bathing aids, and commodes are available for older adults in need. Available items change constantly. It is important you call ahead to ensure we have the item(s) you need and to arrange for a contactless pick-up. Equipment donations are accepted based on need. Items must be clean, in very good condition and ready to be loaned. We CANNOT accept any equipment that is damaged, soiled, missing parts or in disrepair. For information, call 248.347.0414. Closet is closed Sept 4, Nov 10, 23, 24, Dec 25, 26, 29, Jan 1.

Age: 55+

Price: Free - Monetary donations are welcome

Location: Novi Civic Center

SUPPORT GROUPS

Hearing Loss D.A.T.A. Group – Support Group Meeting

Thu, 1:30-2:30pm Sep 28, Oct 26

Join us for a monthly support group convening for the purposes of Discussion, Awareness, and Technological Assistance for those with hearing loss. The goal of the support group is to enable people with hearing loss to learn coping strategies and know you are not alone.

Aae: 50+ **Price: Free**

Facilitator: Patty Soma, Advocate for Deaf and

Hearing-Impaired Community

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center



Bereavement Support -"An Opportunity to Heal" Tue, 7:30-9pm Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19

The grief process is unique to each person. Nonetheless there are certain phases that have been identified in recent years. In the monthly group support meeting, facilitated by Dr. Meyer, those attending have an opportunity to share their experience and learn about the phases of grief. It is quite often a truly healing experience for those who attend. All are welcome. This program is presented in association with O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home.

Age: 50+ **Price: Free**

Facilitator: Dr. Michael Meyer, D.D.

Location: Novi Civic Center

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Do you want to share your time and talents with the Older Adult community? Many opportunities are available. Apply online at cityofnovi.org or call 248.347.0414 for more information.

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Daily Lunch Mon-Fri, 11:45am-12:30pm

Food. Fun. Friends. A great opportunity to socialize with peers, enjoy a nutritious meal and meet new friends. Make or cancel lunch reservations 24 hours in advance Mon-Fri by calling Western Oakland Meals on Wheels at 248.347.0489 by noon. No lunch Sep 4, Oct 9, Nov 10, 23, 24, Dec 25, Jan 1.

Age: 60+

Price: \$3.50 (Dine In)

Location: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Home Delivered Meals on Wheels Mon-Fri, Noon

You're eligible for Meals on Wheels delivery if you are 60+ and unable to leave your home or prepare meals. Contact Western Oakland Meals on Wheels at 810.632.2155 for more information and a review of criteria. Meals are delivered to ensure contactless interaction. No delivery Sep 4, Oct 9, Nov 10, 23, 24, Dec 25, Jan 1.

Age: 60+

Price: \$3 suggested donation

Location: Your Home



The Emergency Food Assistance Program – **TEFAP**

Tue, 12:30-3pm Sep 12, Dec 12

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Emergency Food Assistance Program provides a quarterly food allotment for all who are income eligible: One person household \$2,430 or less monthly and two-person household \$3,287 or less monthly. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For information, call 248.347.0414.

Price: Free

Location: Novi Civic Center - Drive-Thru Pick-Up

Focus: HOPE - Food for Seniors Program Tue, 12:30-3pm Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12

Focus Hope Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides a free, monthly food supplement for those who are 60 years of age or older and reside in Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw, or Macomb counties. Income Eligibility: One-person household \$1,473 or less monthly and two-person household \$1,984 or less monthly. Pre-registration required by calling 248.347.0414.

Age: 60+ **Price: Free**

Location: Novi Civic Center - Drive-Thru Pick-Up

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Let Us Do the Driving!

Be independent and continue a healthy, active lifestyle. Community-based curb-to-curb transportation service to medical appointments, shopping, work, and more is provided to residents 55+ or with a limiting disability. There is no charge for rides within the City of Novi and a \$5 one-way fee outside the City of Novi within a 10-mile range. Reservations are required a minimum of 24 hours in advance. Transportation is available 8am-7pm Monday-Friday. Call 248.735.5617 to schedule a ride 7am-4pm, Monday-Friday. Call Older Adult Services at 248.347.0414 for more details.



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Library Hours

Mon-Thu 10am-9pm Fri, Sat 10am-6pm Sun 12pm-6pm

Closures

- Wednesday, November 22 at 5pm
- Thursday, November 23 Saturday, December 30
- Friday, November 24
- Saturday, December 23 Monday, January 1
- Sunday, December 24
- Monday, December 25
- Sunday, December 31

Café Hours

Novi Library Café Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm

Visit the NPL Café during your next visit! On the menu, you will find items such as sandwiches, pizza, snacks, and a variety of hot and cold beverages madeto-order. Catering options are also available through the Café. Visit our website to view their menu, get information about ordering, and more!

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September is Library Card **Sign-Up Month**

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time when the Library joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that everyone has the most important card in their wallet - a free library card! Stop by the Library to get a library card or renew your library card so you can have access to the many resources that the library offers Starting September 5 through September 30, guests in grades K-12 can visit the 1st Floor Information Desk to participate in a scavenger hunt to earn a prize. All ages can enter to win a raffle prize!

13th Annual Community Read with Emiko Jean

The Neighborhood Library Association (NLA) invites you to the 13th Annual Community Reads event! Join us for a presentation and book discussion on Tuesday, October 24 at 7pm with New York Times bestselling young adult novel author, Emiko Jean, on her 2022 novel, Mika in Real Life! Copies of the book are available at the library. Visit novilibrary.org to register to the event.





Read & Recreation

Read and Recreation is a new program designed to promote a love of literacy and healthy activities by encouraging Novi residents to visit the Novi Public Library and Novi parks! From September 1-October 29, we encourage you and your family to participate by borrowing books and engaging in outdoor activities at many of Novi's beautiful parks. Complete activities to earn entries into our grand prize drawing featuring a backpack, beanie hat, water bottle, Novi blanket, Library Café gift card, gift certificate for City of Novi's Parks programs or activities and so much more! The more activities you complete, the more entries you receive. For more information, visit bit.ly/readandrec2023.



Participate in a Library Challenge Film Lovers Challenge for Adults

For film buffs and casual moviegoers alike! From September 1 to December 31, 2023, guests 18+ who participate in our Film Lovers Challenge can share their love of movies and win prizes.

Log in to your Beanstack account on a computer, download the app, or use a paper log to keep track of the movies you watch. In January, five bingo winners will be drawn to receive a prize. Those who complete the entire bingo sheet will have the chance to win a Grand Prize!

2023 Adult Reading Challenge

It's not too late to register for and start participating in the 2023 Adult Reading Challenge! Log in to your Beanstack account on a computer, download the app, or use a quarterly paper log to log your books. Be sure to check out the book display on the 2nd Floor to find out each month's theme! Readers will be entered for the quarterly prize in September and December and then the grand prize winners will be announced in January.

September: Read a Fantasy or Science Fiction book

October: Read a book with a Green Cover November: Read a Mystery or Thriller

December: Read a book that features a person's name in the title

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LIBRARY BOARD

Library Board Meetings Thu, 7-9pm Sep 28 & Oct 26 - Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers

Nov 16 – Novi Public Library, Whole Meeting Room

Library Board meetings are held each month to review library financials, make policy decisions, and provide board operational oversight of the Library. Public is always welcome.

FRIENDS OF THE NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meetings Wed, 7-9pm Sep 13, Nov 8

We support and advocate for our Library! Through Book Nook sales, and membership fees, the Friends sponsor the annual Community Reads and Summer Reading Program, Battle of the Books, the iCube Makerspace, and more! Looking to volunteer? Join us!

Location: Board Room

FRIENDS OF THE NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY KALEIDOSCOPE SERIES

Albert Kahn: Unintended Consequences Wed, 7pm

Sep 20

Presenter: Dale A. Carlson, publisher & photographer

Albert Kahn, well-known as an early 20th century industrial architect, also designed Detroit skyscrapers, office buildings, and mansions in the suburbs. What unique reuses of Kahn's designs might we find in metro Detroit? Which ones are versatile enough to have become evidence of unintended consequences? Dale Carlson, will share his knowledge and admiration for Kahn buildings still in use.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1 **Location: West Meeting Room**

313: Life in the Motor City

Wed, 7pm Oct 11

Presenter: John Carlisle, Detroit Free Press columnist

John Carlisle has long fascinated readers with stories about people living in Michigan. His words and photographs document and reveal people and places often overlooked or forgotten. A newspaper columnist, Carlisle has won six dozen state and national awards including six Emmy awards. He will share photos he has taken, stories he has told.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1 **Location: West Meeting Room**

August Snow Returns

Wed, 7pm **Nov 15**

Presenter: Stephen Mack Jones, author

August Snow, private detective, returns this November in "Deus X," the fourth book in the critically acclaimed, best-selling series written by Stephen Mack Jones, a Farmington Hills based author. Jones is also an accomplished playwright, a poet, and an entertaining speaker. He has won numerous awards for his writing. Join us in welcoming him back and hearing more about August Snow.

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1 **Location: West Meeting Room**

NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETINGS

Third Wednesday of the month, 7-8:45pm Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15

Public is always welcome. Meetings discuss ongoing and future projects.

Location: Local History Room



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS

Detroit: A City Called Midnight

Thu, 7pm Sep 21

Join the Detroit Historical Society for a talk about Detroit and the Underground Railroad. Codenamed "Midnight," Detroit was a vital station on the Underground Railroad.

Ages: 16+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: 30 Days Prior **Location: East Meeting Room**

One Room Schoolhouse Reenactor

Thu, 7pm **Oct 19**

Join Lois Keel as she brings to life the story of a teacher from the time of Michigan's one room school houses.

Ages: 16+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: 30 Days Prior **Location: West Meeting Room**

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM OFFICE HOURS

Mondays, Noon-2pm (First Monday of the month)

Oct 2, Nov 6

Mondays, 6-8pm (Third Monday of the month) Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20

Meet members of the Commission, tour the Local History Room and receive research assistance on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Ages: 16+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: No Registration Location: Local History Room

GENEALOGICAL ASSISTANCE

Northville Genealogical Society Mon, Noon-2pm (Fourth Monday of the month) Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 27

The Northville Genealogical Society will be offering free genealogical research assistance on the 4th Monday of each month. Drop in to ask questions, get help on ancestry, other databases, and more. Due to COVID concerns, the Library respects the request from our presenters to require masks be worn during this program.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: No Registration **Location: Local History Room**

Save the Date!

This year's Shop Small® Pop-Up Market will take place on Saturday, December 9 from 10am to 2pm in the Whole Meeting Room. Interested vendors should email hhentschel@novilibrary for an application.

ADULT PROGRAMS

"Girls Night Out" After Hours **Fashion Show and Wine Tasting** Fri, 7-10pm



Ladies, leave the kids at home and join us for an awesome evening just for you! Come and enjoy wine tasting and desserts, a fashion show featuring trendy styles from Coral Sash Boutique, live music, prizes, and lots of fun! All guests will receive a complimentary ticket to the Michigan Women's Expo (a \$13 value). Call the Administrative Office at 248-869-7204 to register & pay.

Ages: 21+

Sep 22

Price: \$10 per person Registration Begins: Aug 7 **Location: Whole Meeting Room**

Five Lakes Silver Band Live in Concert

Sun, 3pm Oct 1

Come and enjoy the phenomenal Five Lakes Silver Band, a nationally acclaimed British-style Brass Band based in Royal Oak, Michigan, composed of brass and percussion musicians. The name 'Five Lakes Silver Band' is a tribute to the brass band traditions of England and the region where they perform most.

Aaes: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Sep 1 **Location: Whole Meeting Room**

Senior Day at Novi Library Mon, 10am-3pm Oct 9

Older Adults join us for a day just for you! Start the morning with cider, coffee and donuts. Enjoy live music. Tour our Local History Room and iCube Makerspace. Create "make and take" crafts. Spend free time in the Youth Activity Room to knit or crochet. Bring your cell phone or laptop and take a class on basic technology essentials. Stop by the Book Nook and buy a good read. Enjoy a mocktails and cooking demo, with samples. Learn health and wellness



tools to boost proper nutrition and prevent cancer from Ascension Hospital. Enjoy a Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Live Interactive Presentation. Free lunch and concert included!

Ages: 60+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Sep 1

Location: Whole Meeting Room, Youth Activity Room, Local History Room, iCube, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Cultural Cooking Sat, 2:30-4:30pm

Join us for Indian Cuisine as our special guest shows us the tricks to authentic cooking. Menu includes an Indian vegetarian food platter. Samples provided while supplies last.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1 **Location: Whole Meeting Room**



On the Road Bus Trip to Rochester Hills - All Lit Up Wed, 10am-6pm **Nov 29**

Join us on a deluxe motor coach ride to Rochester Hills for an elegant lunch including wine and dessert at Alfoccino Italian Restaurant, a Christmas Carol performance at Meadow Brook Theater and then enjoy the lights of downtown Rochester Hills! For more information, contact Gail Anderson at ganderson@novilibrary.org or 248-869-7210.

Ages: 21+ Price: \$109

Registration Begins: Aug 15 -

Call the Administration Office at 248-869-7204 Location: Remote Location - bus departs from Novi Civic Center with additional pick-ups/drop-offs at Fox Run and

Meadowbrook Commons

"Viva Las Vegas" with Vanessa Carr

Sun, 2:30pm Nov 5

From the popular Broadway Show held at the Novi Library last year, Vanessa Carr, a world-class entertainer, noted for her dynamic musical performances presents Vegas Style music, featuring songs from Elvis Presley, Wayne Newton, Barbara Streisand, Liza Minnelli, and more. An event you won't want to miss!

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Sep 1 **Location: Whole Meeting Room**

For the Health of It - Virtual Program Tue, 7pm Nov 7

Join the Novi Public Library as we partner with medical health professionals from Ascension Providence Hospital. Learn about the latest information on a variety of health topics. These virtual programs are interactive, followed by a Q&A with the presenters.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1

Location: Virtual - register to receive the link

Under The Radar Mon, 6:30pm **Nov 13**

Ever wonder how two regular guys ended up with a popular PBS TV show and book that feature the cool people, places and things that make Michigan a great place to be? Join Tom Daldin and Jim Edelman from Under the Radar for an inspirational story of reinvention and discovery. They'll tell you how they do it... why they do it... and share great stories from their travels around Michigan. Be sure to bring your questions, your sense of adventure and your sense of humor, because when Tom and Jim start talking ... it's a wild and crazy ride. Book signing immediately following.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1 **Location: Whole Meeting Room**



CRAFTING PROGRAMS

Knit2gether Knitting Group

Thu, 10-11:30am

Sept 7, 14, 21 & 28, Oct 5, 12, 19 & 26, Nov 2,

9, 16 & 30

Participants gather to enjoy their projects and the companionship of like-minded people. Skill levels range from beginner to expert. No instructor. Limited to 20 persons.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: No Registration

Location: Board Room Masterpiece Monday Mon, 6:30pm Sep 11, Nov 6

Join us to recreate a painted masterpiece of your very own! Explore an influential work of art and then follow along to paint your own version on canvas. Supplies will be provided.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1 Location: Youth Activity Room

Craftastic Wednesday: Eraser Stamps

Wed, 7-8:30pm

Sep 13

Make your own stamps out of ordinary pink erasers while learning the basics of linocutting

Ages: 16+

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: One Month Prior

Location: iCube Makerspace





Craftastic Wednesday: Hand-lettered Chalk Sign Wed, 7-8:30pm

Oct 11

Learn techniques to create a unique, seasonal hand-lettered sign with chalk paints.

Ages: 16+

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: One Month Prior

Location: Youth Activity Room

Craftastic Thursday: Collages

Thu, 7-8:30pm

Nov 30

Learn how to creatively reuse old books and art materials to make

a collage.

Ages: 16+

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: One Month Prior

Location: iCube Makerspace

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Coffee with the Superintendent (Morning) Thu, 10-11:30am

Oct 26, Nov 16

Join Superintendent Benjamin Mainka for a discussion on current topics relating to the schools.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: No Registration Required

Location: East Meeting Room

Coffee with the Superintendent (Evening)

Thu, 6-7:30pm Oct 5, Nov 2

Join Superintendent Benjamin Mainka for a discussion on current topics relating to the schools.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: No Registration Required

Location: East Meeting Room

Afternoon Read Book Club

Tue, 1-2pm

Sep 12 - Woman of Light by Kali Fajardo-Anstine

Oct 10 - First Born by Will Dean

Nov 14 - Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive by Stephanie Land

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: 30 Days Prior

Location: Board Room Novel Idea Book Club

Mon, 7-8pm

Sep 25 - Infinite Country by Patricia Engel Oct 23 - Inheritance of Orquidea Divina

by Corida Cordova

Nov 27 - The Heart Principle by Helen Hoang

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: 30 Days Prior

Location: Board Room Multicultural Book Club

Mon, 7-8pm

Sep 18 – Afterlife by Julia Alvarez

Join Della Topouzian, a tri-lingual writer and educator for a gathering of people united by their love of books! We will strive for a deeper understanding and insights into world cultures through reading and discussion.

Ages: 18+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: 30 Days Prior

Location: Board Room

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMING

ESL Book Discussion - Mondays

Mon, 10:30-Noon

Sep 11, 18 & 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Improve your English and have fun! For High-Intermediate to Advanced English speakers only. We will discuss one book during the eight-week session. Books are provided and must be picked up the 1st week of class.

Ages: 21+ Price: \$7 book fee Registration Begins: Aug 1 Registration Ends: Sep 10

Location: Board Room

ESL Book Discussion - Wednesdays

Wed, 1-2:30pm

Sep 13*, 20 & 27, Oct 4, 11*, 18 & 25, Nov 1

Improve your English and have fun! For High-Intermediate to Advanced English speakers only. We will discuss one book during the eight-week session. Books are provided and must be picked up the 1st week of class.

Ages: 21+ Price: \$7 book fee

Registration Begins: Aug 1 Registration Ends: Sep 13

Location: Board Room, except Sep 13 & Oct 11

in Youth Activity Room

English Conversation Group

Tue, 1-2pm

Sep 12 & 19, Oct 3 & 17, Nov 7 & 21

Make Friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. All levels are welcome. Space is limited. No childcare provided.

Ages: 21+

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: No Registration Required

Location: Youth Activity Room

English Language Lessons: Beginner Course Fri, 10:30am-12pm

Sep 8, 15, 22 & 29, Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27, Nov 3

Sign up for a 9-week session of structured English lessons. This session is for beginners (people who need help putting sentences together verbally and written) to intermediate English Language Learners. Classes at this level are geared toward adults who have recently arrived in Michigan. Students will learn to speak, read and write basic casual English language.

Ages: 21+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1 Registration Ends: Sep 8 **Location: Board Room**

English Language Lessons: Intermediate Course Fri, 1-2:30pm

Sept 8, 15, 22 & 29, Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27, Nov 3

Sign up for a 9-week session of structured English lessons. This session is for intermediate to advanced English Language Learners. This class is for adults who have lived in Michigan for a period of time and are comfortable/experienced with our culture, customs, travel, education, weather and residence (apartment/condominium/home) living. During the sessions, each adult student will practice/contribute to casual English conversation speaking on various weekly topics.

Ages: 21+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1 Registration Ends: Sep 8 **Location: Board Room**

Japanese Conversation Group

Wed, 6:30-8pm

Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6

"こんにちは" Do you think your Japanese conversation skills are getting rusty? Let's practice and learn Japanese together! Knowledge of hiragana and katakana required.

Ages: 16+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1 **Location: Youth Activity Room**

Spanish Conversation Group

Tue, 5-6:30pm

Sep 9, Oct 17, Nov 21

Hola amigos! All levels of Spanish speakers from ZERO to NATIVE are welcome to join us! *ALL NEW LOCATION*

Ages: 16+

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: Aug 1 **Location: Youth Activity Room**



EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Baby Time

Mon, 10:15-10:45am

Sep 11,18 & 25, Oct 2, 9, 23 & 30, Nov 6 & 13

This lap-sit program is for babies to attend with a parent/caregiver. Babies and children not yet walking will enjoy engaging stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays and other activities to promote early literacy and socialization. (No Story Times Oct. 16-21).

Ages: 0-12 months

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: No Registration Location: West Meeting Room

Tot Time

Mon, 11:15-11:45am

Sep 11,18 & 25, Oct 2, 9, 23 & 30, Nov 6 & 13

Tots and their parents/caregivers will enjoy a variety of fun stories, finger plays, songs, and rhymes to promote early literacy. (No Story Times Oct 16-21).

Ages: 12-24 months

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: No Registration Location: West Meeting Room

Time for Twos & Threes Tue, 10:15-10:45am

Sep 12, 19 & 26, Oct 3, 10, 24 & 31, Nov 7 & 14

Children ages 2-3 and their parents/caregiver will share stories, finger plays, action rhymes and songs. (No Story Times Oct 16-21).

Ages: 2-3 years

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: No Registration Location: West Meeting Room

Fun for Fours & Fives

Thu, 2-2:30pm

Sep 14, 21 & 28, Oct 5, 12 & 26, Nov 2, 9 & 16

Designed not only to promote a love of books and reading, but to be a listening, sharing, and enriching time for 4 and 5 year olds. This program consists of stories, songs, conversation, and kid fun. Youngsters may choose to attend the program independently, but for legal reasons as well as the comfort of children, parents or caregivers must remain in the Library during the program. (No Story Times Oct 16-21).

Ages: 4-5 years

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: No Registration

Location: Story Time Room

Family Story Time Sat, 10:15-10:45am

Sep 16, 23 & 30, Oct 7, 14 & 28, Nov 4, 11 & 18

Families will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, and other activities to promote early literacy. For children birth-5 years. (No Story Times Oct. 16-21).

Ages: Birth-5 years

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: No Registration Location: West Meeting Room

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Lego Club

Tue, 6:30-7:15pm Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7

Join us once a month for Lego show-and-tell and building activities. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination.

Grades: K-4

Registration Begins: No registration Price: Free Community Event Location: Youth Activity Room

Galaxy in a Jar Tue, 7-8pm Sep 19

Get in Your Element just in time for National Library Sign Up Month. Join us in exploring the wonders that make up our galaxy by recreating its beauty in a bottle. Please dress for a mess as paint will be involved in this program.

Grades: K-3

Registration Begins: One Month Prior

Price: Free Community Event Location: Youth Activity Room

Tail Waggin' Reading Buddies

Wed, 6:30-7:30pm Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 15

Our Tail Waggin' Reading Buddies program is an opportunity to provide a comfortable and non-judgmental space for a participant to read to a therapy dog to encourage the reading skills, confidence and love of reading. Each participant will have about 10 minutes to read to a dog. More time may be given if there are no other guests waiting. Please bring something to read with you.

Grades: K-6

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: No Registration Location: East Meeting Room

Robotics Demonstration Day

Sat, 1-3pm Sep 30

This program is an opportunity for local robotics teams to give robotics demonstrations and get feedback from the community. Come stop in and see various teams show off their hard work! Robotics teams interested in participating must complete an application form found on novilibrary.org events calendar or email asknovi@novilibrary.org.

Ages: All

Registration Begins: No Registration Price: Free Community Event Location: Whole Meeting Room

Halloween Crafts
Tue, 7-8pm

Join us in creating spooky Halloween crafts while enjoying donuts and cider. Involves paint, dress for a possible mess.

Grades: K-3

Registration Begins: One Month Prior

Price: Free Community Event Location: Youth Activity Room



DIY Kaleidoscope

Tue, 7-8pm

Nov 14

Explore the science of reflection in a colorful way by creating your own kaleidoscope.

Grades: K-3

Registration Begins: One Month Prior

Price: Free Community Event Location: Youth Activity Room

Virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Enter NPL's Virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Decorate a pumpkin to look like your favorite book character or with a literary theme.

Prizes will be awarded to one winner from each of the following age categories: youth (Kindergarten-Grade 3), tween (Grades 4-8), teen (Grades 9-12), and adult (ages 18 and up). Check novilibrary.org for more information in October about how to enter the contest.

TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Space Begins in September

The start of a new school year means that Teen Space is back! Teen Space is held on Monday-Friday from 2:45-5pm (except during vacation breaks and half days) during the school year in the Whole Meeting Room of the Library. Teen Space is open to students in grades 7th-12th and a school ID is required for admittance. Students can hang out, play various games, including Xbox video games, ping pong, classic board games, and more. Come check it out and have fun!

TeenTober in October

During the month of October, the Library is recognizing TeenTober. This is a nationwide celebration that aims to promote year-round



teen services and innovative ways that teen services help teens learn new skills and discover their passions. For more information about TeenTober, visit the ALA's Young Adult Library Services Association website. Starting October 1 through October 31, visit the library and enter for your chance to win a young adult book bundle set.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting Fri, 3:30-4:30pm Sep 15, Oct 27, Nov 17

Get involved with the Library by joining our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). All high school students are welcome (you do not need to be a Novi resident to participate). Share ideas for teen programs, discuss teen books, organize community service projects, and more. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer hours if you are registered in the library's Teen Volunteer Program (you do not need to be a registered volunteer to attend TAB). If you are passionate about teen services, the library would love to have you join TAB!

Grades: 9-12

Price: Free Community Event Registration Begins: One Month Prior Location: Youth Activity Room

Candy Corn Catapult Tue, 7-8pm • Sep 26

Join us in building and testing catapults to see which innovative design will launch candy corn the farthest.

Grades: 4-8

Registration Begins: One Month Prior

Price: Free Community Event Location: Whole Meeting Room

Fall Egg Carton Wreath

Tue, 7-8pm

Nov 28

Join us in transforming regular egg cartons into one of a kind decorative fall wreaths.

Grades: 4-8

Registration Begins: One Month Prior

Price: Free Community Event Location: Youth Activity Room

GRAB AND GO CRAFT KITS

Note that we have three registration times for our grab and go kits: 10:00am, 2:00pm, and 7:00pm. Please register for only one

We would love to see your completed projects! Email us your photos to asknovi@novilibrary.org that may be shared on social media.

Grab and Go Pirate Kit

Mon, All Day

Sep 11

Register to get a Grab and Go Pirate Kit. You will have one week to pick up the kit starting on Mon, Sep 11 - Mon, Sep 18.

Grades: K-3

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: One Week Prior

Grab and Go Halloween Kit Tween

Mon, All Day

Oct 16

Register to get a Tween Grab and Go Halloween Kit. You will have one week to pick up the kit starting on Mon, Oct 16 - Mon, Oct 23.

Grades: 4-8

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: One Week Prior

Grab and Go Halloween Kit

Mon, All Day

Oct 23

Register to get a Grab and Go Halloween Kit. You will have one week to pick up the kit starting on Mon, Oct 23 - Mon, Oct 30.

Grades: K-3

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: One Week Prior

Grab and Go Fall Kit

Mon, All Day

Register to get a Grab and Go Fall Kit. You will have one week to pick up the kit starting on Mon, Nov 13 - Mon, Nov 20.

Grades: Pre-K-3

Price: Free Community Event

Registration Begins: One Week Prior



MEET NOVI'S NEW CITY MANAGER

VICTOR CARDENAS THRILLED TO DELIVER FOR RESIDENTS IN NEW ROLE

he City of Novi may have a new city manager, but that city manager is not new to Novi.

Victor Cardenas served as the City of Novi's assistant city manager from 2010 until City Council chose him to be at the helm on June 26 after an extensive nationwide search and selection process.

From an early age, Cardenas knew he had an interest in government, but it wasn't until he had the opportunity to become an intern in his hometown of St. Clair Shores while he was a student at Grand Valley State University that he realized his passion for local government.

After receiving a Master of Public Affairs degree from Indiana University, he returned to Michigan. He served as Assistant to the City Manager in Oak Park through 2007 before being appointed the Village Manager of Brooklyn. After nearly three and a half years sitting in that big chair, he joined the City of Novi and never looked back.

"Novi is extremely special, and I'm rather lucky to have relocated here in 2010," he said. "My kids go to one of the best schools in the state. The diverse makeup of our community provides a great environment for my family to learn from others and celebrate their respective cultures and traditions. Our facilities are second to none, and everything you need is within 15 minutes. We couldn't be happier to call Novi our home."

Cardenas believes that his experiences make him adept at addressing residents' needs, promoting economic development, and maintaining a high quality of life. To go along with his experience, he said he's been blessed to have great mentors throughout his life, including those in the Novi community.

"Since coming to Novi, not only the city managers I've worked for, but City Council members and department directors all have individually provided expertise and advice over the years regarding a myriad of issues that arise daily," he said.

One of Cardenas' main priorities is to continue the top-notch high, performing pace the community and the City of Novi have been working towards for decades.

"That high level of service delivery that Novi residents are accustomed to is the direct result of the fantastic staff members we have," he said. "Unfortunately, as these great individuals leave our organization, we met with a difficult task to replace them. We are not immune to staff challenges, and I believe that will be the most critical goal of mine, attracting and retaining the best employees."

While Cardenas had two stints as interim city manager, he is excited about this new adventure and looks forward to ensuring the City of Novi remains a vibrant, dynamic city where residents and businesses thrive.





HOME WATCH

The Novi Police Department has developed and implemented a Home Watch Program for residents who are on vacation or gone from their homes for an extended period of time. Novi residents can come to Police Headquarters, call 248.348.7100, or fill out an online form under the Government/Public Safety tab at cityofnovi.org to arrange a Home Watch check.

DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

The Novi Police Department accepts unwanted prescription medications on a continuous basis. Citizens may turn in unwanted medications 24 hours a day by bringing them to the Novi Police Headquarters, located at 45125 Ten Mile Road. A person turning in prescription medications can remain anonymous, if they choose.

NIXLE TEXT & EMAIL ALERTS

Community members may subscribe to Nixle to receive real-time public safety information including emergencies, traffic issues, missing persons, and more. Visit nixle.com or cityofnovi.org to register.

VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY (VIPS)

The mission of the Novi VIPS Program is to "Observe, Report and Educate." VIPS members can help educate community members about rules and local ordinances for the safety of all residents. VIPS members also help patrol handicapped parking and report on any situation requiring a public safety response. Contact Sgt. Mark Boody at 248.348.7100 for more information.

FILE OF LIFE

The Novi Fire Department offers free File of Life envelopes in which you can place medical records in and affix to your refrigerator. This allows emergency response staff easy access to crucial information. To obtain a File of Life or for more information contact the Novi Fire Department at 248.349.2162.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

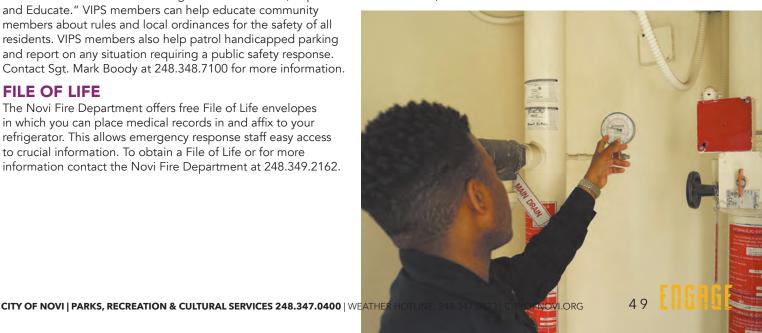
Help keep Novi safe, prepared and resilient when incidents occur by becoming a member of our Community Emergency Response Team. Training consists of 24 hours of instruction on



topics that include disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster psychology. Upon completion of the training, participants are encouraged to continue their involvement by participating in training activities and volunteering for projects that support their community's disaster preparedness efforts. To learn more or volunteer, visit cityofnovi.org/CERT or call 248.347.0556.

HOME FIRE INSPECTIONS

The Novi Fire Department will provide a free courtesy Home Safety Inspection. At the conclusion of the inspection a copy of the findings will be given to the resident along with suggestions and recommendations on how to correct any hazard found during the inspection. To schedule an appointment, contact the Novi Fire Department at 248.349.2162.



CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS SAT, 9-NOON **SEP 16, OCT 21, NOV 18**

The Novi Fire Department provides free child car seat safety checks and installations, seven days a week by appointment only. They also hold free safety checks on Saturdays, at Fire Station #4 from 9am-noon, no appointment necessary. The Novi Fire Department has four certified and licensed Child Passenger Safety Technicians on staff ready to provide the most updated information and a free check of your child seat and, if necessary, perform a complete child seat installation. All technicians were recently certified through the State of Michigan Department of Community Health and the National Child Passenger Safety Board (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) after completing an intensive, 40-hour course.

Community members are asked to bring the following items to the inspection:

- Vehicles owner's manual
- Car Seat owner's manual
- And, if possible, the child who will be "properly secured" in safety seat.

Contact the Novi Fire Department at 248.349.2162 to schedule an appointment.

FIRE & FALL PREVENTION FOR OLDER ADULTS

The Fire and Fall Prevention for Older Adults Program is designed to educate residents of the hazards within their own homes that could cause harm by leading to a fire or causing injury. To schedule an appointment, contact the Novi Fire Department at 248.349.2162.

ADULT AND CHILD HEARTSAVER CPR WED, 6:30-10PM **SEP 6, OCT 4, NOV 1**

This is an American Heart Association course covering CPR and choking emergencies for adults and children. Students will receive a two-year certification card upon successful completion of the course. Free for Novi residents. Register online at cityofnovi.org or at the front desk of the Civic Center. Call 248.347.0400 for more information.

Age: 16+

Price: Res. Free / Non-Res. \$45

Location: Novi Fire Station #4, 49375 Ten Mile,

at Wixom Road.

FLOODPLAIN & FLOOD INSURANCE AWARENESS & INFORMATION SERVICE

Certain areas within Novi fall within the Floodplain or Floodway as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). Mandatory Flood insurance may be required. The City of Novi Community Development Department offers free floodplain determinations and will provide necessary floodplain information regarding your home or business. City staff provides flood protection and drainage advice to residents. Staff also makes on-site visits to offer technical information if you have flooding or drainage problems in your home or yard. Call the Community Development Department at 248.347.0415 to set up an appointment. Elevation Certificates for many structures within or near the floodplain are also available. Current FEMA and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) are also available at cityofnovi.org. Information is also available on the FEMA website or floodsmart.gov.

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Women's Heart Clinic - OPENSIN NOVI-

Focused attention to women's heart health

ccording to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "over 60 million women in the United States are living with some form of heart disease," yet the general assumption that heart disease is a health issue only for men still exists in society today. Awareness of heart disease as an issue for women still needs to gain understanding and acceptance especially by women.

It's something Dr. Nishtha Sareen, Medical Director, Women's Heart Clinics, Ascension Michigan, knows must change and why she has worked to create the Women's Heart Clinics across Ascension Michigan, with the latest clinic being opened at Ascension Providence Hospital in Novi.

Providing the appropriate care for women's hearts is the focus of Dr. Sareen.

"Women definitely need personalized care when it comes to heart health because there are many differences in the way heart disease presents itself in women," said Dr. Sareen. "Seventy percent of women who have a heart attack don't have the typical symptoms, and women often ignore signs because they are more worried about taking care of everyone else in their lives instead of themselves."

The new Women's Heart Clinic takes into account the unique ways heart disease presents itself in women, including, but not limited to:

RISK FACTORS FOR HEART DISEASE

- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Smoking
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Unhealthy diet
- Physical inactivity
- Drinking too much alcohol

- Pregnancy-related heart health
- Heart care for women with cancer
- Early menopause and heart disease
- Autoimmune diseases (such as Lupus) and the heart
- Blood lipids management and heart health
- Diabetes-related heart disease
- Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS)
- MVD (Microvascular dysfunction (MVD)

The goal of the clinic is to help women who are at risk or currently have heart disease achieve and maintain optimal heart health. An evaluation and care model has been designed to specifically address the unique ways heart disease presents and manifests itself in women of all ages.

The Ascension Providence Women's Heart Clinic provides advanced diagnostics and treatment therapies and works together with specialists from multiple disciplines.

"We want everyone to get the most appropriate care for their individual situation, and we believe the Women's Heart Clinic helps us achieve that," Dr. Sareen said.

For more information about the Women's Heart Clinic at Ascension Providence, call (248) 849-2280 or go to the web by scanning the code below:





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Insurance does not cover the cost of a heart scan. Please note: If you are pregnant you should not have this test, or if you have previously had a heart attack, coronary bypass surgery or a coronary stent. Men under age 40 and women under age 50 should not have this test because detectable calcium is not likely.

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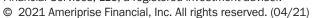
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Community Coalition Empowering Youth Enriching Communities

FESTIVAL OF HOPE

The NCC Festival of Hope is a FREE indoor event to meet local organizations who offer great programs, services, and resources for individuals and families. There will be lots of giveaways, screenings, resources, family friendly activities, games and much more. Fun for the whole family! This annual event will be on Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 12p-3p at the Novi Civic Center.

RESOURCE PROGRAM

Novi Community Coalition services Oakland County residents in a free and confidential resource assistance program. Please schedule an appointment or drop by the Novi Public Library on Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Room 227. We will work alongside those who are seeking resources. To schedule an appointment, call or text our Community Support Coordinator at 248-378-9899.

HOME VISITING PROGRAM (PRENATAL TO AGE FIVE)

Learn about a free home visiting program that promotes optimal early development for supporting and engaging parents and caregivers. This program benefits providers by engaging in a home visiting program during prenatal or early childhood period that contribute to the long-term developmental trajectories. Email info@novicc.org for further information.

The Novi Community Coalition strives to empower youth through collaborations and partnerships to bring

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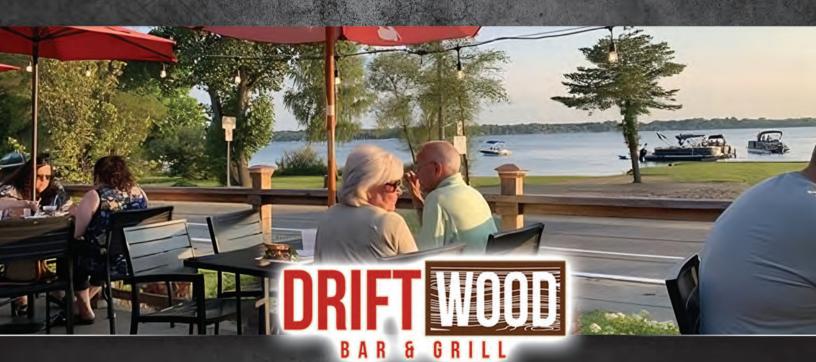


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