

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

2009 Second Quarter Report

Enhance Publication wins award

Michigan Recreation and Park Association recently recognized the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Older Adult publication, "Enhance" as the 2009 Special Program/Flyer winner. The Enhance publication first became available in the fall of 2008 to over 9,000 homes to those 50 and over and in January 2010 will be the fifth publication. As a result of the October 2007

Older Adult Survey, Enhance was created to provide more information to the older adult community. The newsletter contains topics of interest to older adults regarding health, human interest, programs, events, referral, support services and much more. The award will be presented at the 2010 Michigan Recreation and Park Association's Annual Conference and

Trade Show in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, February 2, at 4:30 pm at the Amway Grand Hotel in the Pantlind Ballroom.



Volunteers on the "other" side of the table, being served by Member Margolis

Volunteer Appreciation 2009

The Annual Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation dinner was held on October 27 for all volunteers from the Novi Senior Center. This event is just a small token of our appreciation to the many dedicated volunteers that work so hard to promote and implement

programs and events at the Center. To honor our volunteers, City Council members, Mayor Landry and City Manager Clay Pearson were the guest servers for the evening.



A Homebound Meal Delivery Driver preparing for the day.

Find us on Facebook!!

The Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department is now located on Facebook. Find us at: <http://www.facebook.com/NoviParks> There are currently about 250 fans. Posted on the sight are pictures, updates about programs, green tips and more. The response has been positive so far and the department will continue to find more ways to interact with our fans on the page.

Currently Nancy Cowan is working on learning more about Twitter and hope to launch a Department Twitter page in the next few months, which is another type of social media but can be "mashed-up" with Twitter.



Sign up for Facebook to connect with Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Storybook Stroll

The third annual Novi Halloween Storybook Stroll, sponsored by *Busch's Market, Kindercare, Novi Oaks Dental, Sweet & Sassy, Carnival Cuts, Little Friends Preschool*, took place on Saturday, October 24, 2009 in the Novi Civic Center. Families enjoyed collecting treats from storybook characters, arts and crafts, games, a bouncer, cider, hot chocolate and donuts.



Witch's storytime was a spooky success!

Trick-or-Treater's played with storybook characters and filled their treat bags with lots of goodies! Storybook characters enchanted children young and old. The Storybook Stroll also featured Peter Pan's corner which was described as a fun-tastic fantasy.



Pirates, princess and plenty of trick or treating!



Ring in the Holidays

Ring in the Holidays took place on Friday, December 4, 2009 at Main Street Novi. The event welcomed a crowd to enjoy the Electric Light Parade, Photos with Santa, Craft Show, Kids Activities and Indoor Crafts, and performances by the Franklin Road Christian Choir, Performing Arts Academy, Family Self Defense Cen-

ter, Novi theater and the Novi Concert Band. Food vendors from around the area helped bring in the holiday cheer! Novi Girl Scouts of America Troops held a bake sale to support Novi families in need.



Indoors, children were able to get creative by making holiday themed crafts. Participants were able to complete some holiday shopping at the craft show, and Holiday snowmen decorated by Novi Schools were on display for the this year's event!



Santa and Mrs. Claus were available for pictures and listen to good boys and girls holiday wish lists!

2009 Snowcreature

Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) partnered with Novi Meadows school and Home Depot to bring a fun, festive snowcreature art project to the City this winter. The result of this partnership is 20 one of a kind snowcreature masterpieces which lined the Electric Light Parade route at Ringing in the Holidays

at Ringing in the Holidays on December 4, 2009. The snowcreatures are on display at the Novi Civic Center from December 7, 2009 - January 22, 2010. The PRCS is planning a similar art project for the Memorial Day Parade.



Novi Meadows 5th graders signed the "Class of 2017" snowcreature.

Family Self Defense Center Tournament

The first annual Family Self Defense Isshinryu Karate Tournament was held on October 31st. Over 40 competitors, ranging in age from 4 to 15 came out to compete before a Board of 12 Black Belts. Competitors for the event were all participants in the **Novi Parks Martial Arts for Everyone Class**, which meets every Monday at the Civic Center. Enrollment is currently up to 50 students. The competitors received medals and ribbons for their achievements. A visit by "Ninja Man" and a

Nunchuka routine, performed to Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, by the school's owners made the Halloween theme come to life. These same students also participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade, Fall for Novi and Ringing in the Holidays events with unique "martial arts to music" demonstrations. *Family Self Defense Center* is also beginning a new Padded Sword class in February through the Parks Department which will serve as another event for competition in the up-

coming tournaments planned for October 2010.



FSDC Tournament Participants



"Ninja Man"

Halloween Party at the Senior Center

A Spooktacular time was held by all that attended the Annual Halloween Party at the Novi Senior Center on October 30, 2009! Ghosts, witches, clowns and pumpkins joined in the festivities with lunch, entertainment by Michael Kreiger and door

prizes. 83 people participated in this fun-filled day!



The staff get into the act too! A perfect time to see their true identity.



The kitchen servers / volunteers work hard but also get into the spirit.



Enjoying the tricks and treats!

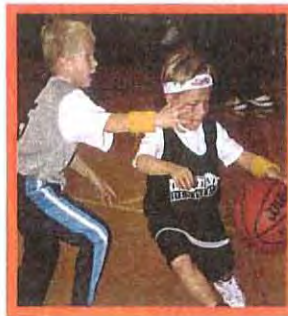
Ringing In The Holidays



About our Sports!

This year the Parks Department tried something new. We extended our Pre-K thru 3rd grade basketball season for an additional six weeks with an overwhelming response of over 125 players who wanted something to do during the winter months and for the love of the sport. We are holding both basketball and volleyball clinics for all current players to improve their skills

and knowledge of the game. We will also be having camps during the summer for these programs. We have had a large response from the Novi High School, Northville High School & Catholic Central High School, students who are volunteering their time and skills to earn honors hours while giving back to the community.



At Novi Parks and Cultural Services, Everyone Participates—Everyone Succeeds!

More sports!

Over one hundred children participated in our **fall flag football** program, and over 550 children participated in our **fall house and travel soccer** programs. **Total Golf Adventure** is the Premier Junior Golf Program that teaches the skills and sportsmanship of golf. The

youth golf program is offered all year long.



Park & Recreation Staff

Just a walk around the department to keep up on current events:

Park staff is currently working on a coach recognition program to show appreciation to the dedicated volunteer coaches for their time, expertise and enthusiasm.

Derek has recently began his Presidency of the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association and recently was named as an ASA Great Lakes Regional Player Representative.

Randy, Nancy, Wendy, Derek & Rachel will be at-

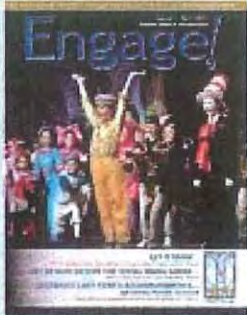
tending the 2010 Michigan Recreation and Park Association Conference the first week of February in Grand Rapids. The conference will highlight, "Learn How to Thrive and Survive These Tough Economic Times".



Fiscal Fitness-Senior Center

The Senior Center has \$10,000—\$11,000 per shown their fiscal fitness year will be realized. Main- this quarter by increasing tenance such as window the advertising in the En- replacement, power wash- enhance publication resulting ing the building, hot water in an increase in revenue of heaters is now done in- \$6,000 yearly. With a re- house so there is no labor alignment of security sys- costs from outside compa- tem for the ranches at nies. Revenue from the Meadowbrook Commons, a recent Health Fair netted cost savings of between \$1,600.

Meadowbrook Commons/ Senior Center is located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI.



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Remember to register at cityofnovi.org to enjoy a **\$5 discount**

“Anything Goes”

"Anything Goes" - Novi Theatres March Show - The age-old tale of Boy-Meets-Girl and the complications which ensue intrigue every audience, and no musical puts it on stage better than **ANYTHING GOES**. This show is an amusing story wrapped around one of Cole Porter's magical scores. Terrific Cole Porter songs include, "It's De-Lovely, Friendship, I

Get A Kick Out Of You, All Through The Night, Anything Goes, You're The Top and Blow, Gabriel, Blow." It's a wonder that all the romances are sorted out and disaster is averted aboard the magical ship where **ANYTHING GOES**.



Park Shelters

Park Shelter information is located in the City **Engage!** publication regarding rental pricing, locations, and amenities. Park Shelter reservations may be made by calling the Parks Department at 248-347-0400.





The need for "Art in the Park" was supported by the Leisure Vision Community Survey which revealed 37% of citizens have a need/want for art. City staff has approached **Midwest Sculpture Initiative** to provide outdoor sculpture exhibits and promote partnerships among art and civic organizations. The sculptures are presented via a slide show and a selected Jury of City and Community members selects the work to be displayed. The

work is then displayed from May 2010 until April 2011 and may be purchased by individuals or businesses. Parks & Recreation envisions eight sculptures at Fuerst Park, three at the Civic Center and one at Meadowbrook Commons.



Dearborn Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit

Midwest Sculpture Initiative is currently exhibiting in 10 shows throughout Michigan and Ohio including Canton Township and the University of Toledo.

"Masquerade and Murder" - Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

You are fortunate enough to be on the guest list for THE social event of the season. Millionaire heiress Stephanie Sapphire requests your presence for an unforgettable evening at her masquerade ball. But be warned, all that glitters is not gold. The

crème de la crème will be in attendance and when one of the elite members of high society is murdered, no one is above suspicion. Come, don a mask, join the masquerade and see if you can figure out who did it! The Friends of the Novi Theatres will be

hosting a silent auction at all performances. Performances are April 23, 24, 2010.



Sweethearts PJ Party

NEW-Sweet & Sassy Sweethearts PJ Party

The fun begins when the sun goes down and Sweet & Sassy of Novi closes the doors just for you and your crew! Put on your PJ's and gather all the girls for 2 fun-filled hours of mini-facials, nail polish and a glitter hair dos. You'll sing the night away at

karaoke in your PJ's, compete at popcorn limbo, play games and enjoy pizza and a beverage at the ultimate Sweet & Sassy Sweetheart Pajama party! So mark the date, Friday, February 19th from 7PM until 9PM at **Sweet & Sassy**, 43530 West Oaks Dr., Novi. Pre-registration is required by February 15th.



NOVI PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICE

Mission Statement

*"To Create Community Through People,
Parks, and Programs"*

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Novi Parks Foundation

The **Novi Parks Foundation** is a 501c(3) corporation formed to raise funds, advocate, and develop support for the parks, programs, and open space. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation seeking donations and support for Novi Parks. Donations to the Novi Parks Foundation are tax deductible. The Novi Parks Foundation is a Licensed Michigan Charity (MICS 29611).

Scholarship Information

The Novi Parks Foundation provides recreational scholarships to Novi citizens who meet specific lower income requirements. These scholarships are administered through the Parks Department and have proven to provide many hours of recreational enjoyment to the attendees. One of the most popular programs is Camp Lakeshore where one participant can actually receive a scholarship for up to three weeks of camp. Applications are available at the Parks Department and online. The following is a partial list of criteria which must be met when applying for the assistance.



1. Resident of Novi one or more years and ability to confirm residency. (Drivers license, state identification, property tax statement or City of Novi water bill)
2. Proof of income – W2 form.
3. The maximum allowable scholarship per family per year is \$500.00.
4. If approved, the scholarship will be valid for four months from the date of approval.
5. Scholarship may be rescinded and restitution of any fees paid if scholarship information is falsified.
6. Transportation to and from programs/classes and events, as well as any additional fees associated with the program/class are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.