



Turtle Creek Community Newsletter

Spring 2016

City of Novi Trash Collection Update

As you may have heard, the City of Novi is in the process of contracting with a single trash hauler for the city as a whole starting this summer.

As of April 1, the current status of this process is:

1. Bids were received Feb. 19, 2016
2. City Council to discuss and vote on May 23, 2016
3. Potential start of service is scheduled for July 2016

When this goes into effect trash collection in the City of Novi will no longer be allowed by separate vendors, starting tentatively on July 1, 2016.

Residents will be billed on their tax bills in a separate line item for trash collection services. These services will be very similar to what is now provided in Turtle Creek by Duncan Disposal. Any issues with collection will be handled directly by the City of Novi.

What does this mean for Turtle Creek?

Turtle Creek currently has a contract with Duncan Disposal until June 30, 2017. As such, the City of Novi **MUST** honor this contract.

Turtle Creek will be billing our residents in May for HOA dues as well as for the coming year trash collection.

These fees are due by May 31, 2016.

Residents **will not** have the option of skipping payment of the trash collection fee in favor of contracting on their own with another hauler. The choice is to **utilize the subdivision hauler or have no trash service.**

Residents not paying the trash collection fee by the due date will have their name removed from the pick-up list this year and will have no alternative. In the past we have had homeowners stretch out dues/fee payments for 6 months. This will not be allowed this year as we will be in the last year of our contract.

Please follow the City of Novi website for updates on the process. (<http://cityofnovi.org/City-Services/Public-Services/Field-Operations-Division/Trash-Collection-Services.aspx>)

Turtle Creek Board Member Web Master Position

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the maintenance of our Turtle Creek Homeowners website (www.turtlecreeknovi.com). If you are interested, please contact Paula Maczka at (248) 347-2367 or pcmaczka@aol.com for more information.

Welcome to Turtle Creek!

Brian & Heather Mitchell - 21776 Meridian Lane
Jayne & Tim Robinson - 22267 Heatherbrae Way

Entrance Island Landscaping Update

The Novi City Council awarded Turtle Creek \$5,000 toward our Entrance Island Landscaping Project at their April 4, 2016 meeting!

This award was recommended by the Novi Beautification Commission in March. Congratulations and *"thank you"* to the Turtle Creek Landscaping Committee for preparing the grant application and presenting our plan for new entrance island landscaping to the Commission.

Our project is moving into high gear. In the coming weeks you can expect to see the following happening at both islands:

- Replacement of the large public light fixture with an attractive dual-light LED residential fixture
- Removal of existing trees, shrubs and landscape rock; extraction of old sign posts and concrete footings
- Installation of new sign posts; signs will be placed closer to the main road to improve visibility
- Installation of new LED lighting for the signs

Our landscape designer, Mulder Design Group, is actively sourcing our new trees and shrubs. Weather permitting, we hope to have our beautiful landscaping installed in May.

Please be assured we are doing all we can to get the work completed expeditiously. Your patience and continued support of this project are greatly appreciated as crews go about their work!

Annual Homeowner Dues

The annual invoices for dues and trash pickup are mailed in May. Payment is due by May 31. Prompt payment is appreciated. There is a late fee of \$25 per month. Please contact Nick Kronsbein at (248) 756-6218 with questions.

Subdivision Garage Sale

Our subdivision garage sale will be held Friday and Saturday, May 20-21 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Homeowners Directory

Your annual invoice mailing includes the 2016 Turtle Creek Homeowners Directory. Please review your entry to ensure it is correct. If not, please contact Anita Saurer at csaurer@earthlink.net.

Subdivision Children's Parties

If you are interested in organizing a holiday or Halloween party for the children in our subdivision, the subdivision will make a donation. Please contact Brian Sharrow at (248) 880-1412 for more information.

E-Mail Addresses

Newsletters are sent via email to save time and money. Email addresses are NOT included in the Homeowners Directory; they are used only for newsletters and general homeowner communication from the Turtle Creek board. Printed newsletters are mailed to those residents who haven't provided an email address. To sign up for electronic communications, please send your name and email and home addresses to Anita Saurer at csaurer@earthlink.net.

Nextdoor.com

Turtle Creek is on Nextdoor.com. Visit <https://turtlecreeknovi.nextdoor.com> and see what your neighbors are up to!

Neighborhood Reminders

- Springtime brings outdoor activities. **Please observe speed limits in the subdivision to keep neighbors safe!**
- Please leave your porch lights on at night for safety.
- Do not leave cars on the street overnight to avoid potential theft or damage.
- Recreational vehicles & trailers cannot be stored in your driveway unless you are packing/unpacking for a trip.
- Please keep pets on a leash while walking through the subdivision and clean up after them when needed.

Protect Your Family from Mosquitoes – Tips from Oakland County and the City of Novi

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellant. All EPA-registered insect repellants are evaluated for safety and effectiveness. Always follow the product label instructions carefully, especially when applying insect repellant on children. **Do not use insect repellant on babies younger than 2 months of age.**
- Wear protective clothing such as long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Avoid outdoor activities during daylight for about two hours after sunrise and several hours before sunset. Protect yourself from mosquito bites at night in well-lit areas.
- Maintain window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of buildings. Do not prop open doors.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by removing standing water in and around your home. Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water: buckets, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, etc.
- Look for non-toxic mosquito control options to rid your yard of mosquitoes without harming beneficial insects.

City of Novi – “Do Not Knock” Registry

The City of Novi offers a “Do Not Knock” registry. Please visit the website at <http://cityofnovi.org/City-Services/City-Clerk/Do-Not-Knock-Registry.aspx> for more information, and to sign up, if you are interested.

Novi Public Library eNewsletter

Love to read? Need to find a specific book or CD? Want research materials or assistance on your homework? The Novi Public Library can help! Subscribe to the Library's monthly newsletter and keep updated on the programs, services, and products that matter most to you! To sign up for the newsletter, visit the Library's website (<http://www.novilibrary.org/>) and use the link for the eNewsletter near the bottom of the homepage, or click [here](#).

Important Information from the Novi Police Department

There is no crime without opportunity! Please keep doors and windows to homes and vehicles locked and secure. Do not leave valuables such as cell phones, GPS units, money or garage door openers in vehicles when not attended. Roughly 90% of all thefts from vehicles in Novi involve unlocked or unsecured vehicles! Please call the Novi PD if you see suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

The Novi Police Department offers residents a wealth of information online. Visit the department homepage at <http://cityofnovi.org/City-Services/Public-Safety/Police.aspx> to learn more about:

- ~Home Watch Program
- ~Crime Mapping Program
- ~Register Your Alarm
- ~Popular Pages such as Nixle Public Safety Alerts and Crime Stoppers (1-800-SPEAK-UP)
- ~Community Programs including Choose your ride and Drug take back program

<http://cityofnovi.org/>