



# Turtle Creek Community Newsletter

Spring 2017

## Trash Collection Update

Turtle Creek's trash contract with Duncan (now Rizzo) ends June 30, 2017. Effective July 1, Turtle Creek will receive trash collection through the City of Novi's contract with Waste Management. Based on the city's collection map, our tentative pick-up day will be Friday and service will start July 7 (but will most likely be delayed until Saturday, July 8 due to the Fourth of July holiday).

Anticipated cost for one year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) will be \$162.24 per residence, since we are joining the program in the second year of the five year contract. This fee will be split between summer and winter property tax bills.

There is a wealth of information regarding trash collection on the City of Novi web site ([cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org)). From the homepage, select the *Community* link at the top, and then click on *Trash Collection Services*. We expect that residents will receive additional details directly from the city and/or Waste Management closer to our July start date.

In addition, please consider signing up for Turtle Creek electronic communications, so you'll receive pertinent information which may be sent to the Turtle Creek Homeowners Association.

## Electronic Communications

Residents can receive newsletters and other essential information electronically by providing an email address. Currently, 55% of Turtle Creek households receive electronic communications. This saves the association mailing costs and provides residents with current information. *Email addresses are NOT included in the homeowners' directory*; they are used only for newsletters and occasional messages from the Turtle Creek board. Residents who haven't provided an email address will receive printed newsletters.

To sign up for electronic communications, send your name, home address and up to two email addresses to Anita Saurer at [csaurer@earthlink.net](mailto:csaurer@earthlink.net).

## In Case of Emergency...

**City of Novi Emergency Hotline: 248-735-5680**

The phone line will be used only during an emergency and will keep residents apprised of pertinent information.

Visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) and select *Government > City Services > Emergency Preparedness > Emergency Notification System* to sign up for emergency alerts on your cell phone.

## Welcome to Turtle Creek!

Ryan Ruonavaara & Sharon Moses  
22248 Meridian Lane

## Subdivision Garage Sale

Our subdivision garage sale will be held Friday and Saturday, May 19-20 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Summer Fun

Social Director Sabrina Mitchell is planning summer activities for the whole family. Ideas being considered are a subdivision block party and a movie night.

Watch for information on the signboards which will be displayed at the Turtle Creek entrances on Nine Mile and Meadowbrook Roads, once dates and details are set. Social events will also be communicated via our email distribution list.

If you aren't already signed up to receive electronic communications, please consider signing up today. You'll receive complete information about events and other items of interest from the subdivision board of directors occasionally during the year. Your email address will never be shared or published, and you won't receive advertisements or solicitations. To list your name on the email distribution list, please see the instructions elsewhere on this page.

## Homeowners Directory

Your annual invoice mailing includes the 2017 Turtle Creek Homeowners Directory. Please review your entry to ensure it is correct. If not, contact Anita Saurer at [csaurer@earthlink.net](mailto:csaurer@earthlink.net).

## Annual Homeowner Dues

Invoices for annual dues of \$125 are mailed by May 1, with payment 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.

## Nextdoor.com

Turtle Creek is on Nextdoor.com. To see what's going on in the neighborhood, visit [turtlecreeknovi.nextdoor.com](http://turtlecreeknovi.nextdoor.com). This site is a great place to post ads or notices about lost or found pets, ask for recommendations for contractors or service providers of all types, and exchange information about events and incidents in Turtle Creek and the City of Novi. Sign up today and keep informed!

## Neighborhood Reminders

- Spring and summer bring families outdoors. **Please observe speed limits in the subdivision to keep our 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 and 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 Health Department

The best way to prevent diseases spread by mosquitoes is to avoid being bitten. The following can help protect you and your family from mosquito bites:

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent. All EPA-registered insect repellents are evaluated for safety and effectiveness.
- Always follow the product label instructions carefully, especially when applying insect repellent on children.
- Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months of age.
- Do not apply insect repellent on a child's hands, eyes, mouth, or on cut or irritated skin.
- Adults: Spray insect repellent on your hands and then apply to a child's face.
- Wear protective clothing such as long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Avoid areas where mosquitoes may be present, including indoor areas.
- Avoid outdoor activities during daylight for about two hours after sunrise and several hours before sunset. Protect yourself from mosquito bites at night.
- 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, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, roof gutters, or trash containers.
- Look for non-toxic mosquito control options to rid your yard of mosquitoes without harming beneficial insects.

Mosquito-borne diseases are those spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Some diseases that are spread by mosquitoes include Zika virus, West Nile virus, St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE), Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), and LaCrosse (LAC) virus.

## City of Novi – “Do Not Knock” Registry

Sign up at <http://cityofnovi.org/City-Services/City-Clerk/Do-Not-Knock-Registry.aspx>

## Quick Links on the City of Novi Home Page

Go to [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) and click on *Quick Links* to find information about:

- Trash Collection
- Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
- Novi Public Library
- *Engage* Recreation Guide

**HHW Collection in Novi:**  
*Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.*  
*Novi Civic Center*  
*Other dates are scheduled for surrounding communities – see the web site for the complete calendar.*

## 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, cash 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
- ~Register Your Alarm
- ~Popular Pages such as **Public Safety Alerts (Nixle)** and **Crime Stoppers (1-800-SPEAK-UP)**
- ~Community Programs including **Craigslist Transaction Meeting Place** and **Drug Take Back Program**

[cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org)