

Readers say Big Boy is art

Letters

The letters just keep rollin' in. The Novi News asked readers recently for their opinions about the Big Boy statue that stands at the entrance of the Elias Brothers Restaurant on Novi Road. Ordinance enforcement officers seem to think it is a sign and have issued the restaurant a citation because it is oversized under Novi's sign law. Attorneys for Elias Brother however think the state is pop or folk art.

What do readers think? Readers clearly believe Big Boy is art, not signage. As of this writing, the tally is 11-0.

What follows are some of the comments made by readers in responding to our query.

Novi's sign ordinance needs to be reviewed and revised. Updated to the changing times. "Big Boy" makes us smile.
Barbara Kientz

We (love) Big Boy!
Unsigned

The Big Boy reminds us of what Novi once was — a sleepy little bedroom community where family values were a top priority. Let's not change everything.
Unsigned

The Novi News questioned readers last week for their opinions of the habit of Novi City Council to delay voting on important issues until all members are present. Three readers said they felt business should proceed regardless of the absence of a council member or two. Actual comments will appear in Thursday's edition.

He has been around since I was kid. Why pick on him now?
D. Rainkley

Santa Claus isn't the only fat guy in a red suit I like looking at!
Jennifer Kassab

Put Big Boy our front and fire the ordinance enforcement officers. It's time to buy some park land and lower

the taxes in Novi. And what's wrong with a few tasteful signs? After all, Big Boy is located in a "freeway service district" as your editorial pointed out. I think the sign ordinance is too severe. It's time for Novi to lighten up.
Kay Thompson

More and more it seems to me that Novi is becoming too BIG for its own britches.
Fay Garr

District settles busing plan

Northville public school board officials realized last Monday that there are glitches in their 1.5 mile magnet bus plan that won't be ironed out until after school starts.

They just hope parents realize it too.

The difficulty in getting this revised plan nailed down is seeing the plan's impact and how the number of bus riders will fluctuate as the year progresses. And that really can't be decided on until school starts and buses are up and running and routes are monitored, school transportation officials said.

Board members Monday night ap-

proved a change in the district's busing policy that paves the way for this so-called 1.5 mile magnet plan submitted to them by David Bolitho, assistant superintendent for administrative services.

The policy now states that no student living within a 1.5 mile radius will be bused.

This revised magnet plan deviates from Bolitho's first plan in that it allows any student who can get to a designated bus stop access to the bus. Bolitho guessed the plan will bus an estimated 361 more students than his first 1.5 mile plan.

"It's just not an exact science,"

said Superintendent Leonard Reznierski. "This is the best way we know how to deal with picking up students who are a stone's throw away from a passing bus," he said.

While it may be clear who can ride the buses, what remains to be seen is where students will be picked up to ride them. Bolitho said Monday the designated bus stops will remain outside the state-mandated 1.5 mile radius, but they have yet to be determined. Bolitho said he is still working on getting those stops figured out, but assured parents Monday they will be ready before the start of school.

Council looking for fat to trim

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agreeing that Novi now does not have such a program in place, said he could come up with a cost-cutting plan within the next 90 days.

"This isn't a bad thing to explore if the council is willing to give some money for it," he said.

Mayor Matthew Quinn and Council

Member Tim Pope quipped that Kriewall could get a reward if he came up with the program within 60 days.

"Thirty days," Kriewall shot back.

The Wednesday special council meeting was scheduled to discuss a variety of concerns raised by Toth during a series of budget meetings this spring.

While the budget was thrashed

out, Council Member Nancy Cassis also called for departments to individually look for ways to cut financial corners.

As a supplement to the proposed cost-cutting program, Toth is also asking that each city department set aside ten percent of its budget as a reserve.



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I'm a demolition man...

The Amoco station at the corner of Novi Road and Grand River came down last week. Demolition work began, and was completed Thursday, ending the station's long run at that corner. The City of Novi is taking over the

parcel and may locate a park there or trade the land for the deed of the Michigan 50s Festival site. The Amoco station has relocated to the corner of Novi and Twelve Mile roads.

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