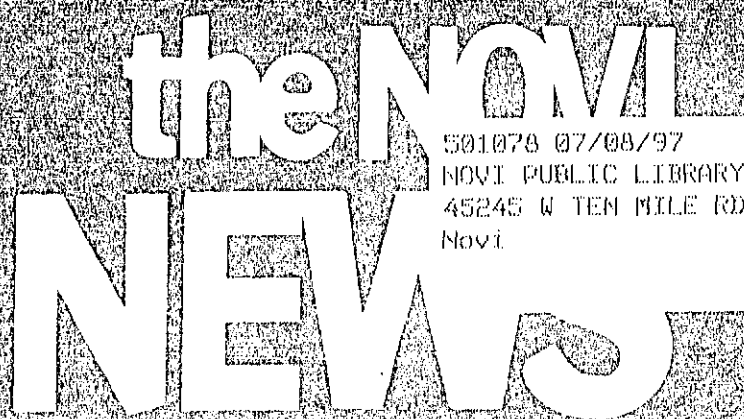


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## International Blues festival comes to city

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

"They wanna put a strip mall next my upscale home."

Mean ol' developer won't leave us alone.

I got the Novi blues. The law down, fast growin' Novi blues...

While a lament like this isn't likely to make the charts anytime soon, an event that could be a real hit will debut July 18-20 at the Novi Expo Center - the first Bluesfest International, Windsor, Canada-Nov, Michigan, USA.

"We'll have a lot of big names," said Ted Boomer of IBF (International Blues Festival) Promoters.

"In a couple of years, it'll be as big as it's been for Windsor. We'll do the hands across-the-water thing."

Expect 400 some blues acts, including groups from six countries.

In past festivals, the line-up in Windsor has included Buckwheat Zydeco, Jeff Healey, Down Child Blues Band, Eddie Clearwater, Cullin James, Savoy Brown, and Johnny Bassett. The list of this year's performers won't be released for several weeks yet.

Some folks might wonder if Novi, which does not have hard luck and trouble as its only claim to fame, can make it as blues venue. Sure, said Todd Smith, vice president of the Novi Expo Center.

"Right now, blues is one of the fastest growing segments of music. A lot of people think of the blues as some old guy hugging a guitar. There's the Blues Brothers and Stray Cats Strut," he said.

Both the Novi and Windsor events will be held on the same weekend and share performers.

Three years ago, the festival kicked off in Windsor. Boomer was familiar with the Novi Expo Center from work with golf shows, liked what he saw and was ready to take the event across the border.

"It's the Cobo Hall of the suburbs. Novi's a real vibrant community, it's got freeway access. It's kind of like a new Royal Oak on the way," Boomer explained.

The blues fest will happen in a setting similar to the Michigan 50s Festival, which is scheduled for the following weekend. That may lead to potential savings for the 50s Festival, in terms of renting the same entertainment tents and Porta-jobs after the first festival departs, said Smith.

"It should be fun. One week, it'll be the blues and the next week it'll be the 50s," he added.

A turnout of 30,000 to 45,000 is expected for this first local blues bash.

And who knows? Maybe someday they'll change the name of Main Street to Beale Street.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Pastor Tim Whyte plans to convert the Novi Methodist Church into a new building for his Oakland Baptist Church.

## Old church to be put back in use

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

Amazing Grace has a real meaning for the old Novi Methodist Church, once apparently consigned to the wrecker's ball.

Instead, redemption has come from an unexpected direction. The 50 members of the Oakland Baptist Church, now celebrating their fifth in a modest ranch house on Beck Road, will take the 1876 structure and resurrect it to its former dignity as a house of worship.

"It'll be great to have a historic building there. My whole life, I've pretty much known about the building being there and that it once was a church," Tim Whyte, pastor of

Oakland Baptist Church, said.

This is a twist of events that has local historians shouting hallelujah, especially since the church, after a series of non-theological uses, including a stint as a nursery school, will once again be sanctified.

Whyte read about the structure's threatened future in an article in *The Novi News*. The owner, Detroit developer George Keras, has agreed to donate the abandoned building.

Whyte's congregation, which first began meeting 18 years ago at Orchard Ridge Elementary School, was hoping to build something new, but with an old-fashioned feel. They've been meeting in the converted Beck Road home for 15 years.

Historic photos show the old Methodist Church as the standard image of a 19th century, Midwestern country church bungalow, a dignified, non-pretentious white clapboard building with a steeple and a bell. Plans are to restore it to that former glory, Whyte said.

But first, the church must be moved from the southwest corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue to Beck Road, hopefully by the end of February, Whyte said. That's expected to cost about \$30,000.

Then, the exterior of the church will be restored. To follow will be major restoration of the interior, which has been partitioned off into offices and definitely no longer looks like

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## Biggest challenge ahead? Focus

Part one of two.

Novi overall is "terrific," says Mayor Kathleen McLallen, but it has many issues and projects to deal with in the coming year. The trick for council will be "staying focused," she said.

As a follow up to McLallen's State of the City address and seeking responses to recent criticisms of the city and council, *Novi News* Managing Editor Michael Malott interviewed her Thursday, Jan. 23.

The questions and her answers were as follows:

**Novi News:** In your mind, what's the biggest challenge for the year ahead for the city of Novi?

**McLallen:** Staying focused. There's just so much happening on so many levels - how to take all the opportunities that come by and weigh them against where the city is, where the city is going to be, how to keep an economic positive situation going, how to



Mayor Kathleen McLallen

enhance the quality of life for the citizens. What is happening is that very little projects come up and get the focus.

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## Final playscape design unveiled

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

Novi kids looking for fun this summer will be able to slide down the tongue of an alien or the tail of a crocodile, bounce on a rubber bridge, set out to sea in a mock Titanic and wriggle through a tire tunnel.

Their good times will be the results of a massive fundraising

and building effort by their elders, led by the Tim Pope Playscape Committee. The goal is to have the project built in early June, with the help of as many as 500 volunteers.

As of this week, committee member Warren Jocz said, less than 10 percent of the needed \$100,000 to \$130,000 is raised, fewer than 100 of the 500 volun-

teers are recruited and no materials have been donated for the project.

"By the end of February, we really hope to get a good handle on where we stand," said Glenn Bonaventura, who's also on the committee.

So stay tuned. The full court press is coming in the near future, Jocz added, including a

massive mailing to firms - especially developers - that do business in Novi.

"We're doing a mailing to the businesses with brochures and letters for school kids to take to their parents. Obviously, there's going to be an interest from those people," Bonaventura said.

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## Chamber seeking new president

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is seeking a candidate to replace long-time President Connie Mallett.

After an unanimous vote in November, the chamber's volunteer board of directors agreed to

replace Mallett. Mallett said Tuesday she was told April 30 will be her last day on the job she has held for over ten years.

"We're just looking to do a change in management," said Diane Risko, chair of the chamber's board of directors.

"We wanted a management

style change ... It's premature to make a statement."

A Novi Chamber of Commerce news release issued Jan. 22 said that the chamber is seeking an executive director candidate "who is very sales and marketing oriented with emphasis on organizational skills. Our goal is to fill this

position by March 1 with the position currently being handled by President Connie Mallett."

"I'm not in a position to answer any questions. The letter they gave me indicated I will be here by the end of April," Mallett, a 25-year Novi resident, said Tuesday.

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## Vic's opens 'smoker' at market

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writer

The snowflakes fell outside all night, but on the second floor of Vic's World Class Market, filled with smoke and smelling of cajun food and expensive wine, more than 150 people enjoyed a night of fine wine tasting, scotch drinking and cigar smoking.

To celebrate the new trend of cigar smoking, Vic's featured a cigar and scotch room, Jan. 24, during a night of Australian Wine Tasting.

Cigar smokers came from all over the area to enjoy a fine cigar or two, as well as savor live music, great wine and unique foods.

"It's nice to smoke somewhere other than the garage," said Steve Dooley, The Novi resident braved



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Continued on 9 John McBride takes a puff during Friday's Wine and Cigar Tasting at Vic's World Class Market.





# List of classes at Novi High keeps getting longer

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

The course menu at Novi High School just keeps getting longer. Rita Traynor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum for Novi Schools, presented plans for five new high school courses at the Jan. 23 Board of Education meeting.

The full proposal is expected to appear on the consent agenda of the Feb. 6 meeting for board approval. That means unless it is taken off the agenda for discussion, it will be voted on without further review.

The five new courses proposed for next year are: CAD (computer aided design) Graphics and Programming, Science Foundations II, World History I and II, Marketing Education and Japanese/Asian Studies.

There are 107 courses from 11 departments now at the high school.

According to a district report for the board, "The need to offer the additional courses in several areas is prompted by the need not only to expand student choices within the block schedule, but also by the necessity to address the core curriculum expectations."

The block schedule of four 45-minute classes a day was approved by the board and district in order to change the way of teaching and learning, adhere to state curriculum recommendations and also to offer students the ability to take more elective cred-

## Board questions course coverage

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Novi High School is proposing a new course entitled Japanese and Asian studies, but Board of Education members are questioning what exactly the course should cover.

According to the written proposal, the emphasis appears to be on understanding, learning and writing the Japanese language, understanding and interpreting Japanese gestures and body language, analyzing the Japanese culture and changes in today's society, and studying Japanese and Asian geography and history.

But trustees reviewing the proposal at the Jan. 23 school board meeting wondered if the focus should be on the language (it is intended to be offered through the language department) or on the culture and society of Pacific Rim countries.

The new courses were reviewed by the high school curriculum council, made up of department heads and administrators.

The CAD program is essential to providing students with additional experience in the field, according to Traynor. It will also help the students gain opportunities outside the classroom.

"If we want to improve the opportunity for the students to be involved in school-to-work programs, we need to get into more advanced course offerings," said Traynor.

"Culture is probably more important than language," said Trustee John Streit. "If you go to the country you have interpreters or you can learn the language there."

Trustee Julie Abrams said she sees it as a social studies course with some emphasis on the language. George Korhadi, too, suggested rather than focusing on Japan, the course should focus more on the many cultures of the Pacific Rim.

The course will study the society using the Japanese language, according to the proposal. President Kay Byers said learning about the cultural differences is a "plus."

"The students will have a much better understanding of and tolerance of a much different culture than they've ever studied before," Byers said.

The need for the course was determined in part by a 1995 high school survey in which

77 students indicated they would be interested in taking a Japanese studies course.

Novi schools also received many requests from students and parents, according to Traynor.

Traynor said the district would like to offer a "non-traditional" foreign language class to students other than French, German and Spanish.

According to the written proposal, other districts that offer various non-traditional language programs include: West Bloomfield, Livonia, Troy, Uxva, Birmingham and Farmington Hills.

The Novi school district is well known for its ties to Novi's "sister city" Owami in Japan. School and city officials as well as some students have traveled to Japan twice. Owami visitors have stayed here in Novi three times.

The new Marketing class would be offered out of the business department and would give students added exposure to business concepts.

The Japanese/Asian studies course would be offered through the language department and would focus on the Japanese language and the study of Asian society.

According to Dr. Jennifer Cheek, assistant principal at the high school, the courses will be staffed by people within the building, except for the Japanese course. However, since the high school will need to hire additional teachers due to growing enrollment, the need for that teacher can be fulfilled during that hiring period.

Trustee George Kortlandt voted in favor of hiring teachers specifically trained for a course. Should the course be dropped, the district may have to keep the teacher because of contracts or tenure, he said. What if the teacher isn't trained to teach another subject, he asked.

But Traynor said all teachers are hired based on their ability to teach at least two courses and that shouldn't be a problem.

"We will not add the course if we cannot find the right person," she explained.

# Homeowners protest home size in new sub

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Residents of Barclay Estates are calling for an adjacent subdivision to adhere to the cost and quality standards of their own homes in order to protect their investment.

"It's not in the same ballpark it will negatively affect our property," said Robert Russell. "We've got \$300,000 to \$500,000 invested in these homes."

The handful of residents appeared at the Jan. 22 Novi Planning Commission meeting put in their two cents about the proposed Dunnabeck Estates off Beck Road just south of Nine Mile Road.

Although the parcel is zoned for what could be apartments, property owner Joe Dunnabeck is proposing a 15-home development on seven acres in the front of Barclay Estates off Beck Road.

Residents of the subdivision of 2,200 to 2,800-square-foot suburban and ranch homes would access the development from Stratford Lane, which leads into Barclay Estates. The homes would be placed along a cul-de-sac, leaving half of the backyards facing Beck Road.

A half-acre wetland near the front of the parcel will be preserved, according to plans.

Dunnabeck said the price and size of the homes is limited by the property size, city ordinances and by the location along Beck Road. Homes will probably sell for \$230,000 to \$280,000, he said.

According to his real estate agent, Ginger Barrons, "8400,000 homes fronting Beck Road probably wouldn't sell."

"It's not going to be a cheap development," Dunnabeck assured the commission. He added it will act like a buffer between the main road and the Barclay subdivision, consisting of nearly 90 homes near the half million dollar mark.

Dunnabeck said he's owned the property for 50 years and wasn't able to develop it until the sewer lines were installed.

Under the current zoning a 50-unit complex, drawing 300 or more car trips of traffic a day, could go in at the site, according to estimates by city consultant Brandon Rogers.

The commission said they were happy to see Dunnabeck chose to develop single-family homes instead and that his plan seemed to meet all the requirements.

The commission approved the plan 8-0 but did request the homes be similar in architecture to the houses in subdivisions nearby.



## Now that's 'Tacky'

As part of their study of penguins, these Parkview Elementary School students decided to put what they'd learned about a book character "Tacky the Penguin" into action by reaching into their own closets and wearing something "special" to school.

From left are Kristin Engelsen, Ashley Simms, Natalie Morrie, Brian Peters, Adam Herc and Amanda Diacono. "Tacky" shows its readers that it is not what a person looks like on the outside, rather what they are like on the inside that counts.

# Dunnabeck develops own parcel

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

While many old landowners in Novi have sold their acres to big developers and left town, the Dunnabecks are developing their own small subdivision in western Novi.

"We wanted to have some control," explained Joseph Dunnabeck Jr. "We didn't want a builder to come in and max out the site. We wanted to have some input about what was put into Novi after staying here so long."

His father, Joseph Dunnabeck, now 80-something, bought several acres of property in western Novi

in the 1950s after moving his family out of Detroit. In the 1970s, he sold three acres to his son, Joseph Jr.

Now, 27 years later, the family is planning to put 15 homes on seven acres and call it Dunnabeck Estates.

The family is working with builder John Redmond of Vision Research and Development.

Balltozers will tear down the family homestead to make way for the homes, however the six unit apartment complex to the north of the property will stay.

The senior Dunnabeck built the one-story complex on the site in

the 1950s but was unable to develop additional units because the land couldn't be hooked to sewers. He now lives in one of the apartments when he's not in Florida, said Joseph Jr.

He and his wife, Karen, will live in one of the new homes. He's not going very far, he said. "Just enough where I'll have to change my address," he laughed.

"We saw fox and deer running through the fields. Things have changed considerably," he said. "A lot of things happen out here we don't approve of, like big developers maxing out property and moving on."

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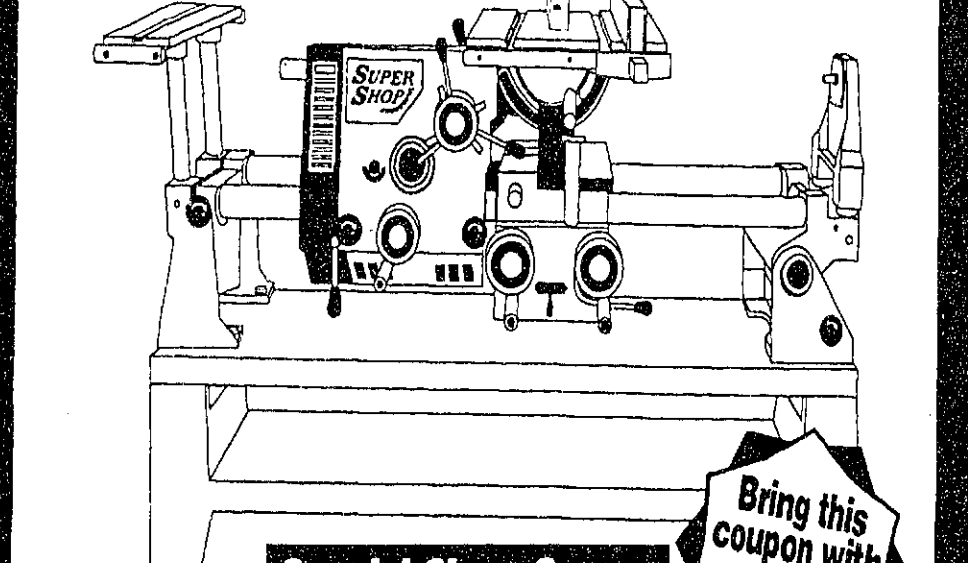


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# Leathers firm unveils design for playscape

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So far, about \$10,000 has been collected for the project, Donavertura added.

The committee has already collected \$2,000 from Twelve Oaks Mall and run a gift wrapping concession at the mall in conjunction with a Northville group that is building a playscape in that city.

Here's the timeline for the playscape, which will be built at the city's Community Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

By March 6, the group aims to have up to half of the needed money, with up to 80 percent in the bank account by March 27, which is designated as an organization day.

While contributions of money are being sought, donors will also be able to buy specific items for the project, such as a slide or swings.

A design day is scheduled for April 11 and by May 20, 100 percent of the funds are expected to be in hand.

Then the big moment arrives. From June 11-15, everyone in Novi is invited to roll back their sleeves and get to work building the megal-

plaza.

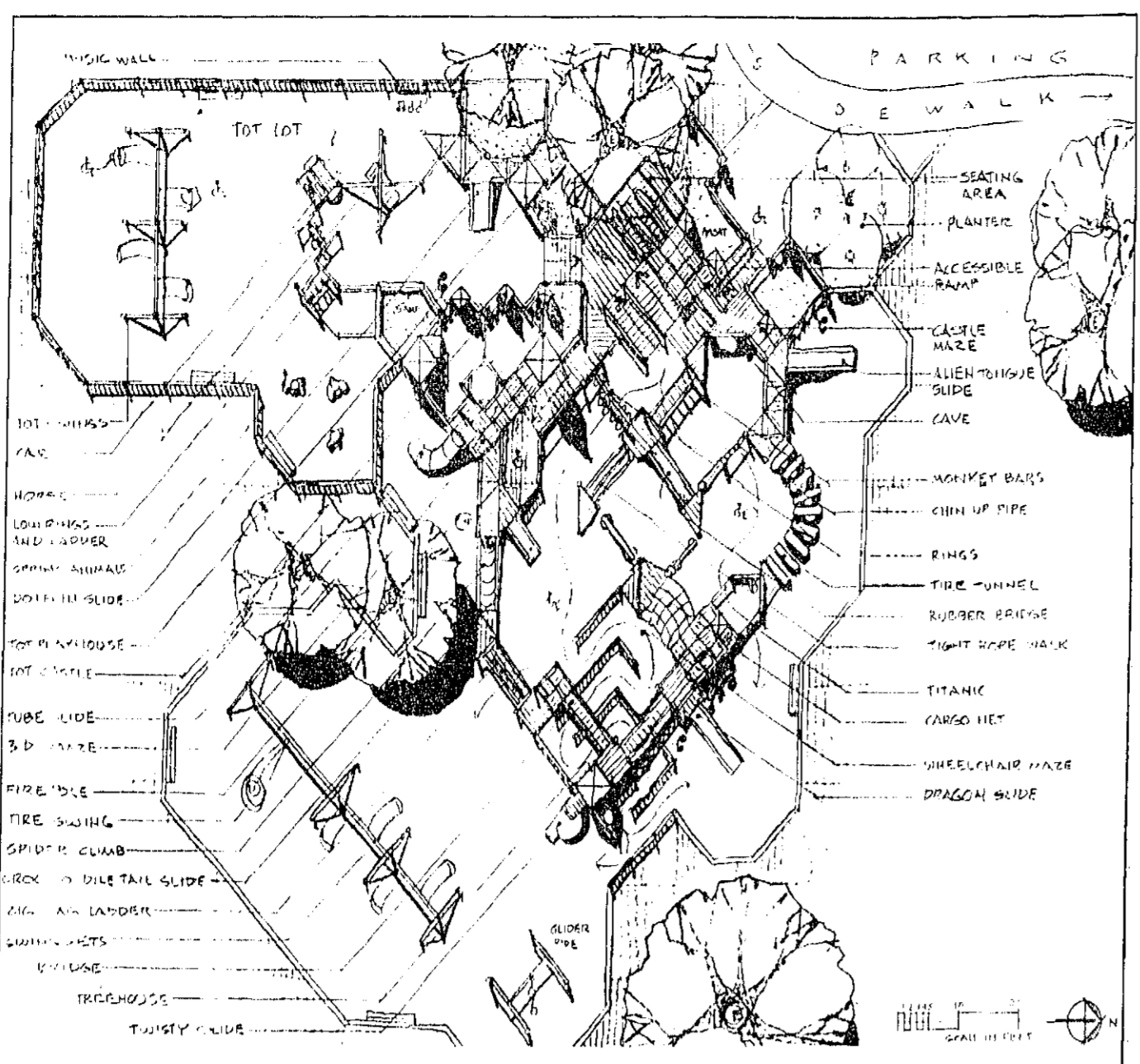
Most of the project will require financial contributions, because the timber needed for construction will have to be purchased. Jozc noted that the designers, Robert Leathers & Associates require the committee to use specific materials or the firm "will not support the build."

However, all materials donations are to be confirmed by March 20, while everything not donated will be ordered on March 27.

The project will require a virtual army of volunteers, including ten construction captains. By Feb. 27, the committee hopes to have 300 people signed on to the task, with the last 200 to come filtering in by March 13. Among the volunteers needed will be medical personnel. With inexperienced folks wielding hammers, accidents may happen.

While the goal is to have a great place for kids and commemorate the memory of late Council Member Tim Pope, committee members see the project as having another outcome - uniting Novi behind a common goal.

"Our aim is to make this a positive community experience," Jozc explained.



The final plan for Novi's Tim Pope Memorial Playscape, as drafted by Leathers & Associates.

# Pastor to restore old church for reuse by congregation

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plans for a shopping center on the 4.5-acre site.

"I think we can be really grateful to Mr. Kerns for letting it go this long," Kozma said.

Back in 1992 and 1993, a small group of residents - including late City Council Member Tim Pope, now City Council Member Kathy Mitchell and Jim Antosiek - formed Preservation Novi and convinced the Novi City Council to slap two moratoriums on the development until the church could be relocated. A future home was found at The Vistas of Novi, where the church is to have been incorporated in that development's own mini-downtown. But that scheme fell through.

Mitch said the new church rescue plan is exciting. "Originally, a very small group of people built the Novi Methodist Church themselves. Now, another small group,

the Oakland Baptist Church will do the work. There's going to be a lot of sweat equity in that building when it gets done."

While the Oakland Baptist Church has only 50 members, that's far more than the hopeful congregation of 28 which built the original Novi Methodist Church. Designed to seat 160, the church was raised in 1876 at a cost of \$1,750, according to a building

assessment report by architect Diane Archer Johnson. Johnson was commissioned by Preservation Novi to research the building and its history.

Preservation Novi will help the church in its fund raising effort, March added.

Novi, considered by many to have been born in 1977 with the creation of the mall, actually has a fairly lengthy inventory of older buildings. Although many remain in jeopardy, the Sally Thornton House was rescued by private developer Bill Garfield and the Forest Farm has come under the city's wing.

"We're especially happy that it's going to be reused as a church again. I think that's wonderful," Wellington said.

"I know the congregation is really excited. They were planning on putting up a new building and having it look like an old-fashioned country church. When this prospect was made available to them, they grabbed it."

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Elsie Beier of Novi died Jan. 21 in Farmington Hills. She was 93. Mrs. Beier was born May 27, 1903, in Coldwater.

Before retirement, Mrs. Beier was a special education teacher for the Dearborn school system.

She moved from Dearborn to the area in 1989. Her memberships included the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Dearborn, the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution and the AAUW.

She is survived by son, Tom P. (John) of Northville; and grandchildren, Steven of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mark of Ohio.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

**KENNETH DELANEY**  
Kenneth Delaney of Dearborn died Jan. 17 in Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He was born Oct. 26, 1919, in Cookeville, Tenn. Mr. Delaney was 77.

Mr. Delaney had been an employee of O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home for 20 years. He was stationed in Europe in the tank division during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Myra; sons, Don (Frank) and Ron (Sharon); daughters, Margaret (Dorothy) Reeves and Kathy (Michael) Kristof; two sisters, Lorette Farley, Pearl Rector, Carron Delaney and Wilene Vickers; and eight grandchildren: Lara, Rachel, Amanda, Andrew, Ashley, Erin, Audra and Steven.

She was preceded in death by son, Kenneth Jr.

Services and interment were conducted Jan. 22 in Cookeville, Tenn.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, North Metro Region, 16310 W. Twelve Mile Road, P.O. Box 760160, Lathrup Village, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

**MARIAN LUCILLE BASSETT**  
Marian Bassett, age 87, of Novi died Jan. 23. She was born July 4, 1909, to Charles and Laura (Kent) Bassett.

She is survived by two nieces, Sylvia Kent of Florida and Jean Nickerson of Kingsley, Mich.; first cousin, Myra Zabel of Texas; and several second cousins.

Ms. Bassett was preceded in death by parents; brother, Kenneth; and sister, Edna.

**WALTER A. KULSON**  
Walter Kulson of Farmington Hills died Jan. 12 in Providence Hospital in Southfield. He was 91.

Mr. Kulson, formerly of Novi and Plymouth, was born April 19, 1905, in Woodmore, Manitoba, Canada.

From 1944-92, Mr. Kulson was owner and president of Wil-O-Matic Inc. in Novi. Prior to his own business, he was a prominent industrialist in building special grading machines.

He was a past member of the Elks Club.

Mr. Kulson is survived by his wife of 57 years, Stephenie; son, Earl of Charlevoix; daughter, Carol (William) Jacobson of Virginia; sister, Elizabeth Kosachenko of Vita, Manitoba, Canada; grandchildren: Leslie Brooks, Lisa Douglas,

Andrew Kulson, and Douglas Jarabson; and two great grandchildren: Grace and Emily Brooks.

A memorial service was held Jan. 15, at Thayer-Bark Funeral Home in Farmington with Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating. Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 17251 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite 109, Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

**VIOLA M. SAGER**  
Viola M. Sager of Novi died Jan. 25 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was 97. Mrs. Sager was born March 1, 1899, in Minden City, Mich.

Before her retirement in 1957, Mrs. Sager was a supervisor in the accounting department at Michigan Bell Telephone Co. She is survived by daughter, Lois John J. Williams; sisters, Helen Birch and Beatrice Abent; ten grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter "Pat."

Services were conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Northville. Interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 Elm St., Northville, 48167 would be appreciated.

**IRENE F. MUSSAT**  
Irene Mussat, age 82, of Northville died Jan. 17, 1997, at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She was born in Detroit on July 19, 1914. She was a homemaker.

Surviving Mrs. Mussat are: sister-in-law, Agnes Mussat; nephew, James P. (Kathryn) Mussat; many great and great great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen. Services were held Jan. 20, at St. Aidan Church in Livonia. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Memorials to the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 would be appreciated.

**BERNICE E. ALSPACH**  
Bernice E. Alspach, age 90, of Novi died Jan. 12 at Novi Care Center. She was born Aug. 9, 1906, in Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. Alspach was a secretary. She is survived by daughter, Martha (Paul) Mazur; and one grandchild, Douglas Harvey.

Mrs. Alspach was preceded in death by her husband, Donald.

Services were conducted on Jan. 15, at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Findlay, Ohio.

Memorials to the American Heart Association, North Metro Region, 16310 W. Twelve Mile Road, P.O. Box 760160, Lathrup Village, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

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**HEALTH NOTE**

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

**THE ACL AND YOU**

The anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) is a primary support structure of the knee. According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, women basketball players are about three times as likely to experience tears in their ACLs than their male counterparts. Why? According to one popular theory, the answer may lay in the fact that the notch that holds the ligament in place at the end of the thigh bone is shaped differently in men and women. While a woman's is somewhat triangular-shaped, a man's is more U-shaped. It is the steeper femoral notch that may lead to shearing of the ligament. Theory aside, if a knee feels extremely painful, unstable, or swollen, seek immediate medical attention. If the ACL is torn, it may require either surgery or supervised rehabilitation.

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# N'ville schools hear survey results

By ROBERT JACKSON  
Staff Writer

In December the Northville Public School District asked members of the community to judge the district's overall performance.

This month the district got its answer, and although some flaws have been exposed, school officials generally are happy with the marks survey respondents gave the district and its employees.

"I'm pleased at the community's candor and interest in our students and their education," school board President Martha Nield said. "There was plenty of useful information generated, which will help our efforts at continuous improvement of service to our students."

"We will be able to measure our successes when the survey is conducted again in two years."

About 80 percent of survey respondents gave the district favorable ratings in providing education to students. That result was just one of many findings published in the recent public opinion

phone survey conducted by the Northville School District.

The 50-page document was released to school officials and the general public earlier this month.

The survey was conducted by School Public Relations Consultant Services, based in Menominee, Mich. According to consultant Kathy Feaster the poll sought voters' opinions and attitudes about Northville schools, as well as building and facility needs.

In all, 378 of the district's 27,158 registered voters — or about 1.4 percent — were polled.

The survey questions focused on job performance and district needs, and sought answers for the failure of the district's bond and enhancement millage election last September. District officials have spent the past two weeks studying the survey results.

At a recent board study session, Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said the survey would be a useful tool for improving the quality of education in the classroom, and

would provide a benchmark for surveys the district might conduct in the future.

"All along we've said that we want to know what the community's attitude is towards the school district and how they rate the quality of education being provided to students," he said. "This first survey provides us with information that will allow us, as educators, to do our jobs better. The bottom line is that we need to constantly improve the way we educate the kids. That is our foremost concern."

"I'm happy with the results. Am I satisfied? No, I'm never satisfied, because I always think we can do better," Rezmierski added. "I believe our community views us the same way. They want us to improve, and I think that's reflected in the survey results."

District officials have considered conducting a public opinion survey every two years which, according to Feaster, would help keep the district in touch with the changing

needs of the community.

"There are plenty of school districts in the state that conduct surveys every couple of years," she said. "They can be quite useful in gauging public sentiment."

Nield said she'd like to see how Northville's survey results compare to surveys conducted for other school districts. She said Feaster will provide board members and district officials with some summary comparisons by next week.

"I'd be interested to see how other communities view their school districts, whether they rate their teachers and administrators high or low," she said.

# Chamber looks for new manager

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"I'm just looking at a lot of other options. I'm not going to discuss it at this point."

Mallett said she has "quite possibly" consulted an attorney. She celebrated her tenth year on the job in October.

Her position has already been advertised in statewide trade publications.

As the chamber's president,

Mallett was one of the founders of the Michigan 50s Festival.

The change comes as the chamber gets ready for one its biggest fundraisers of the year, the "Night to Remember" Mardi Gras Dinner Dance/Charity Auction on March 22.

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