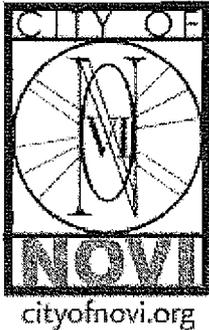


MEMORANDUM



TO: MAYOR LANDRY AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: CLAY J. PEARSON, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: 2009 MOBILE WORKSHOP EXCHANGE DATE
DATE: JANUARY 22, 2009

The City has successfully conducted mobile workshop exchanges (a.k.a. Mayor's Exchange) with Portage, MI; Wyoming, MI, and Dublin, OH over the last three years. Trips together to see communities first-hand have brought back to Novi knowledge of parks, entrance signs, stormwater systems, electronic Council Chambers, outdoor sculptures, recreation centers, etc. We believe the Mobile Workshop represents a valuable investment of time.

For 2009, we looked at several possible communities and are suggesting the southwest Chicago suburb of Orland Park, IL (estimated 2005 population of 55,461, top 50 from Money Magazine Best Places to Live). With City Council meetings in May and Memorial Day, there are limited options to depart Novi on Sunday afternoon, visit on Monday and return on Monday night.

We suggest that the City Council discuss potential dates, leading with Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day) mid-afternoon driving together and return on late Monday, May 11.