

CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item 1
February 7, 2011**

SUBJECT: Approval of Mayor's Exchange dates to host Orland Park, IL on May 1-2, travel to Tinley Park, IL on July 24-25, and host Tinley Park, IL on August 14-15, in 2011.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Business Relations

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: 

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Novi has successfully participated in educational Leadership Exchanges (Mayor's Exchange) with communities for the past five years.

In 2009, Novi visited Orland Park, IL. Orland Park has recently expressed interest in traveling to Novi this spring for their reciprocal visit. For 2011, Tinley Park, IL has stated they have participated in similar exchanges with communities in the past and would like to partner with Novi on an Exchange this year.

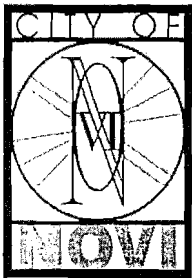
To coordinate schedules, the following dates are proposed for the reciprocal Orland Park visit, travel to Tinley Park, and hosting of a Tinley Park delegation in Novi:

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| Sunday, May 1 to Monday, May 2 | Orland Park to Novi |
| Sunday, July 24 to Monday, July 25 | Novi to Tinley Park |
| Sunday, August 14 to Monday, August 15 | Tinley Park to Novi |

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Mayor's Exchange dates to host Orland Park, IL on May 1-2, travel to Tinley Park, IL on July 24-25, and host Tinley Park, IL on August 14-15, in 2011.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Gatt				
Council Member Fischer				
Council Member Margolis				

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Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				
Council Member Wrobel				



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MEMORANDUM

TO: CLAY PEARSON, CITY MANAGER
FROM: SHERYL WALSH, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
SUBJECT: 2011 MAYOR'S EXCHANGE
DATE: JANUARY 13, 2011

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To: Mayor & City
Council Members
For scheduling dates
at your Feb 7 meeting.
[Signature]

The City of Novi has successfully participated in educational Leadership Exchanges (Mayor's Exchange) with communities for the past five years. These exchange trips together to see the "inside" workings of other communities first-hand have garnered knowledge of stormwater systems, implementation of electronic Council and Boards & Commission packets, entryway signage, vehicle efficiencies, art in the park partnerships, and library concepts and design features.

As you are aware, we have been looking at possible communities to participate in a 2011 Mayor's Exchange and received notification from City Manager Scott Niehaus of Tinley Park, Illinois that Mayor Edward J. Zabrocki and their City Council are interested in participating with the City of Novi.

Adjacent to Orland Park (visited in 2009), Tinley Park has a population of approximately 59,000 and is the 14th largest city in metropolitan Chicago. With high jobs growth, Tinley Park and Joliet are the largest employment center in south/southwest Chicago. Although similar to Orland Park, Tinley Park is a little larger, office development focused, is host to a convention center, and has a Paid-on-Call fire system. Detailed information on Tinley Park can be found at tinleypark.org.

Ironically, as all this was unfolding, a call was received from Paul Grimes, Village Manager of Orland Park, stating they are still interested in visiting Novi, see first-hand our operations, and would like to pursue a reciprocal trip here this spring.

Last year, we traveled to Westerville in May, with the reciprocating trip by Westerville to Novi in August. To coordinate the schedules, we could possibly host Orland Park here in Novi in early May, travel to Tinley Park in June or July, and then host Tinley Park in Novi in August or September. *//x*

As in the past, I look forward to coordinating the exchange, sharing Novi's success with a similar community, and learning from another community's experiences.