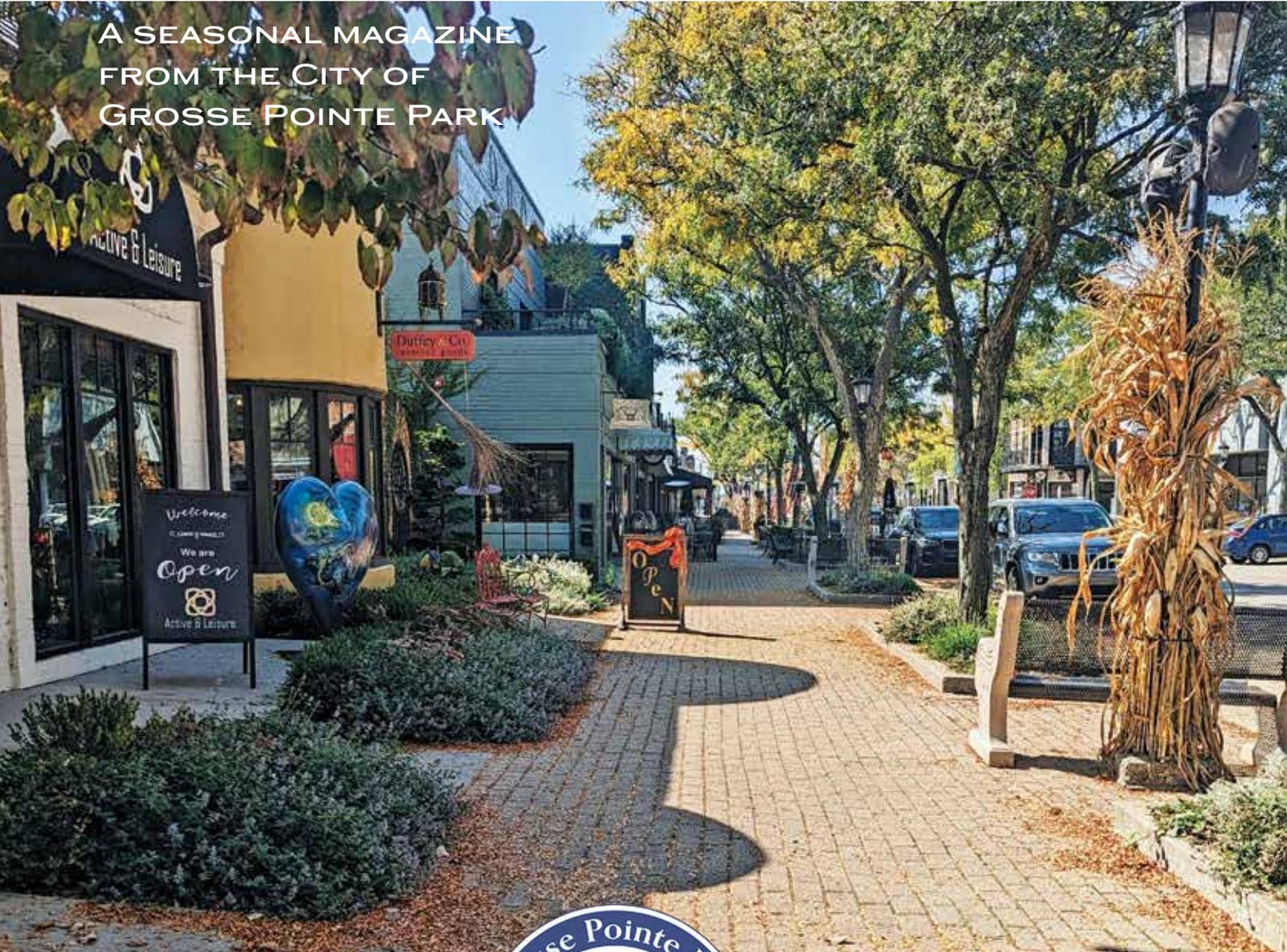


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CITY INFORMATION

City Hall: 15115 East Jefferson,
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Hours: Monday-Friday
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

City Phone Numbers

911 - Emergencies Only
Municipal Offices
Automated Telephone System:
(313) 822-6200
0 - For the operator
1 - Public Service, Building Department
and Assessment
2 - Water & Sewerage Billing
3 - Public Safety
4 - Municipal Court

Direct Lines:

Public Safety: (313) 822-7400
Public Services: (313) 822-5020
Public Works Garage: (313) 822-5100
Voting & Elections: (313) 822-4267
Tax Information: (313) 822-4380
Building Inspector: (313) 822-4365
Water Billing: (313) 822-4380
Municipal Court: (313) 822-3535
City Forester: (313) 822-6200

Parks & Recreation

(313) 822-2812
Press 1: Lavins Activity Center and
Theatre Information
Press 2: Tompkins Community Center,
Picnic Permits and Lindell Lodge
Rentals
Press 3: Harbor Master
Press 4: Lifeguard Office and Pool
Information
Press 5: Inside Gatehouse at Windmill
Pointe Park
Press 6: Outside Gatehouse at
Windmill Pointe Park

Windmill Pointe Park Gatehouse
(313) 822-5155
Patterson Park Gatehouse
(313) 822-1681



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From Mayor Michele Hodges

I'm excited to provide an update on several key initiatives underway in our city, each a testament to the dedication and hard

work of our team.

As we prepare for the upcoming 2024 presidential election, I want to acknowledge the exceptional efforts of our City Clerk's office. They have been working tirelessly to ensure that every detail is covered, from verifying voter registrations to coordinating polling locations to making certain that every resident has the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. Their commitment to a seamless election process reflects the best of public service and we are grateful for their efforts.

Additionally, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new city website. This updated platform was designed with you in mind, offering easier navigation, improved access to city services and a user-friendly experience whether you're using a computer or mobile device. The new website will serve as a central hub for all the latest news, resources and important information about what's happening in Grosse Pointe Park. We encourage you to explore the site!

Our work on the comprehensive zoning ordinance rewrite continues to move forward. This is a critical project that will help guide the future development of our city, ensuring that we remain a vibrant, sustainable and welcoming place for all. We've been gathering input from residents and stakeholders to make certain that the new zoning ordinance reflects our community's needs and

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Mayor Pro Tem
Tom Caulfield

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Christine Gallagher, Tim Kolar, Marty
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City Attorney Dan Kelly

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Assistant City Manager Warren Rothe

Finance Director Ginger Moriarty

City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler

aspirations. Your feedback is invaluable, and I encourage everyone to stay engaged as we work toward finalizing this important document.

Celebrating Our Dedicated Community Members — The efforts of our dedicated residents and community members are at the heart of what makes Grosse Pointe Park a beautiful and thriving city. I'd like to highlight our Beautification Commission who has been hard at work, continuing the adopt-a-garden program. Through their stewardship, these gardens flourish, creating vibrant and welcoming environments throughout our city.

The Commission is also actively engaged in the Michigan Green Communities Challenge, an initiative aimed at promoting sustainability and environmental stewardship. By participating in this challenge, we are committing to greener practices that benefit everyone who calls Grosse Pointe Park home.

I'm also delighted to recognize one of our own, Kelly Konieczki, who recently received the Beautification Council of Southeast Michigan's Individual Service Award. This honor is given to individuals who have shown outstanding volunteer efforts in the fields of beautification and ecology. Kelly's passion and dedication are inspiring, and her recognition is well-deserved. We are incredibly proud to have her as part of our community. It is such an honor to serve our community alongside such dedicated individuals.

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Public Safety Director Jim Bostock

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Special Events

Halloween in the Park

Halloween in the Park 2024 sponsored by Park Grill will take place on Saturday, October 19. Tickets will go on sale online and in-person on Monday, September 23 at 8 a.m.

To register online, please visit www.recpro.grossepointepark.org or go to the Lavins Activity Center to purchase a physical ticket. Time slots for this year will be 4, 4:30 and 5 p.m. Tickets will be \$15.00 per child. There will be 200 tickets available per time slot, 100 in-person and 100 online.

This event is an exciting, costumed event for children 10 years of age and under. The picnic grounds at Windmill Pointe Park will transform into a festive pathway of straw, decorations and inflatables that will lead families from candy station to candy station.

If you are interested in sponsoring a table or volunteering, please contact Chad at craig@grossepointepark.org.



Brunch with Santa

Brunch with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 7. Registration will begin on Monday, November 4 at 8 a.m. To register online, please visit www.recpro.grossepointepark.org or in-person at the Lavins Activity Center. Please choose from one of the three time slots available: 9-10 a.m., 10:30-11:30 a.m., or 12-1 p.m.

The event will consist of brunch, crafts,

a story and photo opportunity with Santa, and a trackless train ride.

The registration fee is \$20 per person for both children and adults. No registration/payment is required for children under the age of 2, but you will need to inform staff that they will be attending the event.

Each time slot is limited to 60 people total, so time slots will sell out quickly. Parents will need to make sure their children are in the system to register them for the event.

If you have questions, please call (313) 822-2812 ext. 300 or email craig@grossepointepark.org.



Park Hours

Park Pass Information

It is the goal of the City of Grosse Pointe Park to continue to provide to you, the residents, the best possible service and recreational facilities. It is extremely important that everyone complies with the Park Pass rules so that we all enjoy our Parks.

Lost passes will be replaced ONCE per season, through an adult only, at a cost of \$20.00 each at City Hall. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding Park Passes, please contact Public Service at (313) 822-6200.

- Park Pass Guest Privileges allow one guest daily for Residents age 17

or under and three guests daily for Residents 18 and older

- Businesses & Tenants are required to renew park passes annually
- Current homeowner passes expire December 31, 2026
- Landlords are required to have a valid rental C of O (Certificate of Occupancy), current business license and must verify all tenants before tenants can obtain a park pass
- As a friendly reminder, you must show the gatehouse your park pass and not a driver's license or that of another individual to enter into the Parks

Patterson Park *October 1 - April 1*

Park Grounds
7:30 a.m. - Dusk
Ice Rink
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Windmill Pointe Park *November 16 - April 14*

Park Grounds
7 a.m. - Dusk

Lavins Activity Center

Monday - Saturday: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



The Tompkins Center *rent for your special event!*

The Tompkins Community Center offers residents an unique and picturesque venue for hosting a wide range of functions. There is a full-service catering kitchen along with updated restrooms and lighting fixtures in the banquet room. The Center is air conditioned and heated and also offers a gas fireplace. The newly added Atrium adds to the Center's capacity and ambiance by providing patrons a beautiful view of the lake while dining.

The Center's seating capacity is 134. However, the Atrium now adds standing room capacity of up to 150. We provide tables, chairs, coffee pots, a sound system, 65 inch TV, wireless

microphone, wifi and podium.

Please Note: Reservations may be made one year in advance from the current calendar date. Only weddings and wedding receptions can be reserved further in advance.

Monday – Thursday	\$500 from 1 p.m.–12 a.m.
Friday, Saturday or Sunday	\$750 from 1 p.m.–12 a.m.
Weddings & Wedding Receptions	\$1,200 from 11 a.m.–1 a.m.
Additional hour to enter facility	\$80
Additional 2 hours to enter facility	\$160

An Update from the Department of Public Works

2024 Construction and Infrastructure Projects Update

As of September 9, the City's water main projects are progressing smoothly:

- **Nottingham Loop:** A new, uninterrupted water supply line has been installed from mid-block Nottingham to Somerset, continuing to Defer School.
- **Beaconsfield Main:** The upsizing of the water main from 6 inches to 8 inches, from Mack to Vernor, is well underway. This project involves replacing the old cast-iron pipe with a modern poly pipe, including service line replacements, over 70 of which are lead lines. Completion is expected by late September or early October.
- **Maumee Water Main:** A new 8-inch main will be installed in mid-September, replacing an outdated 2-inch main. This upgrade will significantly improve water flow and pressure.
- **Sewer Maintenance:** The City's CCTV sewer inspection and cleaning program was recently awarded and will take place over the coming months. This program will cover the entire City, providing a detailed assessment of the sanitary sewer system's condition, enabling targeted repairs.
- **Root Control:** This year's root control initiative was successfully completed across a large portion of the City, helping prevent root infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.
- **Road and Alley Repaving:** The road repaving season has concluded, with notable projects completed on Middlesex (Windmill Pt. to Korte) and Charlevoix (Cadieux to Whittier).
- **Alley Projects:** Two alleys were repaved this season: Beaconsfield/Nottingham (Kercheval to St. Paul) and Maryland/Wayburn (Charlevoix to Vernor). These alleys were selected due to their previously completed separation of the sanitary and storm sewer systems.

Overall, it has been a successful construction and infrastructure season, and we look forward to future improvements and projects.



Marina Notes

Dates to Remember

November 1, 2024: 2025 Deposit payments due (\$200.00). A late fee of \$100.00 will be added for all payments received after November 1. Payments will not be accepted after December 1 and well contract will be terminated.

November 15, 2024: Marina closes

March 15, 2025: Balance on boat wells due

April 15, 2025: Marina opens

If you have any questions about the marina or the waitlist, feel free to contact Tom Fraser at (313) 822-2812 ext. 201 or email marina@grossepointepark.org.

Municipal Court Amnesty Program

The Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court is holding an Amnesty Program for delinquent cases. The program provides individuals an opportunity to settle old outstanding financial obligations while saving money. In addition, the program helps courts clear a backlog of files.

PLEASE VISIT US TO CLEAR UP YOUR OUTSTANDING BALANCE

- The program will run Friday, November 1, 2024 through Friday, November 29, 2024
- For parking tickets, civil infractions and adjudicated misdemeanors only
- Must be paid in full

If you have any questions, please contact the court at (313) 822-3535. The court is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Election Reminders

General Election Day is **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. On **September 21, 2024**, UNCOVA Ballots were mailed out. On **September 27, 2024**, Absentee Ballots were mailed out.

October 21, 2024 is the deadline to register to vote by mail or on-line and to be eligible to vote in the November Election.

October 26, 2024 is the beginning of Early Voting (9 days), located inside Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, 15115 E. Jefferson, Lower-Level Lobby from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

November 3, 2024 is the last day of Early Voting.

On **November 4, 2024**, voters may obtain an absent voter ballot in-person, and vote and submit ballot in the Local Clerk's office until 4 p.m.

A new secured Ballot Drop Box has been installed in the drive-thru in front of Grosse Pointe Park City Hall. The state-funded secure drop box may be utilized immediately by voter registration form and ballots to the City Clerk's Office 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during election seasons.

November 5, 2024 is Election Day, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

With the passage of Proposal 22-2, voters now have the right to vote in-person at an early voting site prior to Election Day for all statewide and federal elections. The established site may also serve as an early voting site for additional election dates if approved by the Grosse Pointe Park City Council.

Scan the code to visit the Michigan Voter Information Center

VOTE!

<p>YOUR EARLY VOTING SITE:</p> <p>Grosse Pointe Park City Hall 15115 E. Jefferson Avenue Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230</p>	<p>2024 EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE:</p> <p>DAYS: Early Voting is open nine (9) consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday prior to the election and ending the Sunday prior to the election.</p> <p>TIME: Early Voting is 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily.</p>
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Questions? Contact the Grosse Pointe Park City Clerk's Office at (313) 822-4267 or clerk@grossepointepark.org

Voting precincts will be open on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the following locations:

- Precinct 1 - Tompkins Community Center
14290 Windmill Pointe Drive
- Precinct 2 - Tompkins Community Center
14290 Windmill Pointe Drive
- Precinct 4 - Lavins Community Center
14290 Windmill Pointe Drive
- Precinct 5 - Lavins Community Center
14290 Windmill Pointe Drive
- Precinct 6 - Lavins Community Center
14290 Windmill Pointe Drive
- Precinct 7 - Lavins Community Center
14290 Windmill Pointe Drive

From the desk of Assistant City Manager Warren Rothe

Important Reminder:
Business License Renewal Deadline

All business licenses, including landlord business licenses, will expire on December 31, 2024. To avoid any interruptions in your business operations, please ensure that your license is renewed on time.

For landlords, it is particularly important to note that a current business license is required to process and renew park passes for residential tenants. Without a valid license, park passes for your tenants cannot be issued or renewed.

Please be aware that any renewals processed after December 31, 2024, will be subject to higher renewal fees.

To renew your business license, please visit our website or contact the Department of Public Services.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued commitment to our community!

Charlevoix Streetscape Project Update

We are excited to announce that the City, on behalf of the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA), has been awarded a \$1.8 million Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant through the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to help fund the Charlevoix Streetscape Project. This grant will enable us to enhance the aesthetic and functional aspects of Charlevoix Street, creating a more welcoming and accessible environment.

To bring this project to life, the TIFA has hired OHM Advisors—the engineering firm that prepared the conceptual streetscape plan and grant application—to complete the design engineering.

There will be several opportunities for community engagement in the coming months at various stages of the design process. We encourage all residents and business owners to share their input to help shape the future of Charlevoix Street. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting development!

Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update

The City is making significant progress on the comprehensive zoning ordinance update. Recently, the Planning Commission and City Council held a joint meeting to review the ordinance's development thus far. This collaborative effort ensures that the new zoning regulations align with the City's goals and community needs.

Another joint meeting will be held soon to specifically review and discuss regulations related to short-term rentals.

The Planning Commission is expected to review the Public Hearing Draft of the new Zoning Ordinance at its meeting on Monday, October 21. Following this review, a public hearing will be scheduled before the end of 2024, the final step before the Council can adopt the ordinance.

We encourage all residents and stakeholders to stay engaged throughout this process. Your feedback is essential to shaping the future of our community. All materials and drafts related to the Zoning Ordinance can be found on the City's website.

Winter 2024 Tax Updates

Winter taxes are due and payable beginning on December 1, 2024, and are due to the City Treasurer without penalty if received at City Hall no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 14, 2025. Various payment options have been provided to you to ensure payment is able to be made timely:

- Using our online services with the use of a credit card by visiting www.grossepointepark.org
- Through the U.S. mail service, delivered no later than February 14, 2025
- Postmarks are not accepted as “received” as the postmark date only indicates when mailed
- In person at the City Treasurer’s Office cashier counter or the payment drop box by 4:30 p.m.
- If using your banking account’s online bill pay service using the Property number, an additional 3% penalty will be added to all unpaid amounts remaining on the tax roll on February 15, 2025
- Each month past due tax bills,

beginning on the first of each month while the bill remains past due, interest will compound receiving an additional 1% each month through the end of February

- Summer and Winter taxes can be paid at the City of Grosse Pointe Park’s Treasurer’s office through February 28, 2025
- On March 1, 2025, all delinquent real property taxes will no longer be accepted at the City of Grosse Pointe Park Treasurer’s office and can be paid to the Wayne County Treasurer at The International Center building located at 400 Monroe Street, on 5th Floor, in Detroit



Photo by Daniel Beever

Make payments online at bsaonline.com or scan the QR code:



Chief's Corner by Director of Public Safety Jim Bostock

As Director of Public Safety, I am honored to lead a team of dedicated professionals who work tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Officers are committed to fostering trust, respect and being a part of the community we serve.

Our Mission is simple but profound: To Keep the Residents, Businesses and Visitors of Grosse Pointe Park Safe. We understand that building stronger communities requires more than responding to emergencies; it requires proactive engagement with the community along with creating and maintaining meaningful relationships with the residents and businesses.

Now more than ever, public safety officers around the world are required to do much more than enforce laws and write tickets. One of the focuses on our training

over the last few years has been in the area of mental health and crisis awareness.

One program that we participate in is Hope Not Handcuffs. The program is an initiative aimed at helping individuals struggling with addiction by offering them immediate assistance and treatment options rather than arrest or incarcerations. Launched by Families Against Narcotics (FAN), the program partners with law enforcement agencies, community organizations, and volunteers to provide support to those seeking recovery from substance use disorders.

How the Program Works:

Voluntary Approach: Individuals who are struggling with addiction can walk into a participating police station or another designated location and ask for help. Instead of facing arrest or charges, they are connected with treatment resources.

Trained Volunteers (Angels): Volunteers, known as “Angels,” meet with the individual, offer compassion and support, and help coordinate placement in a treatment program.

Non-Judgmental Environment: The goal is to create a safe, non-judgmental environment where individuals feel comfortable seeking help for their addiction.

Immediate Action: Rather than waiting for legal action or a court mandate, Hope Not Handcuffs allows individuals to get help immediately, improving their chances of recovery.

The program has been successful in connecting people with the help they need, reducing the stigma surrounding addiction and offering an alternative to incarceration. By focusing on treatment and rehabilitation, Hope Not Handcuffs aims to create lasting change for individuals and communities affected by addiction.



Leaf and Snow Removal

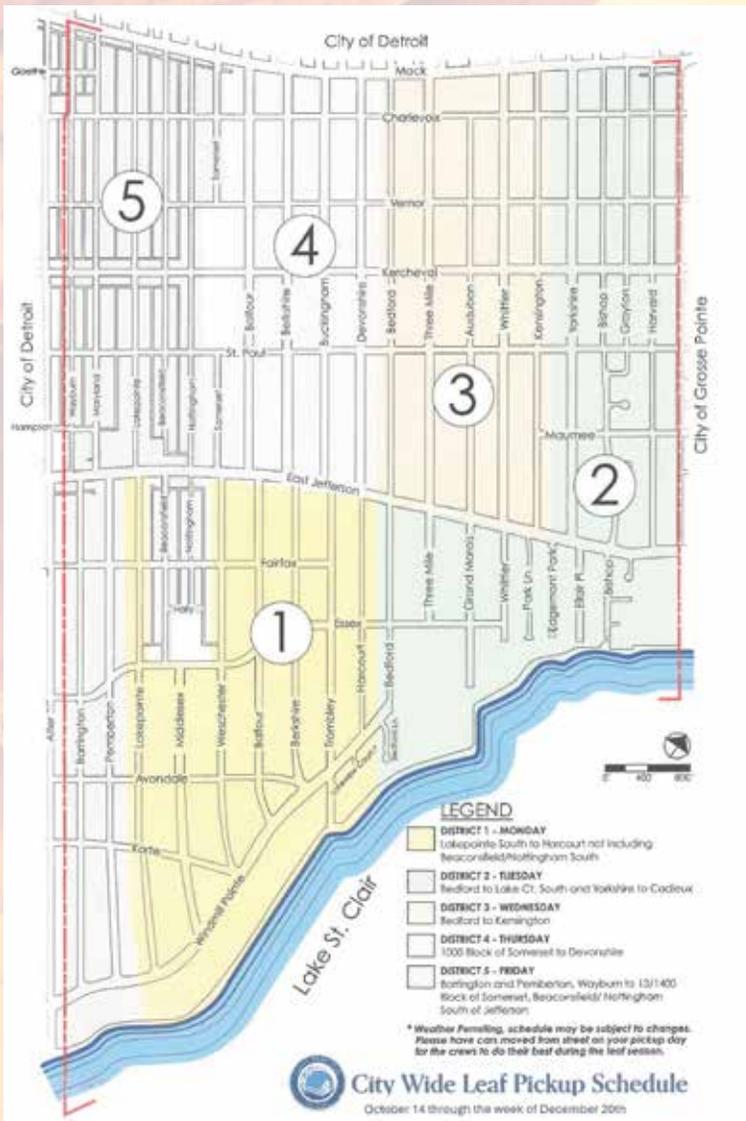
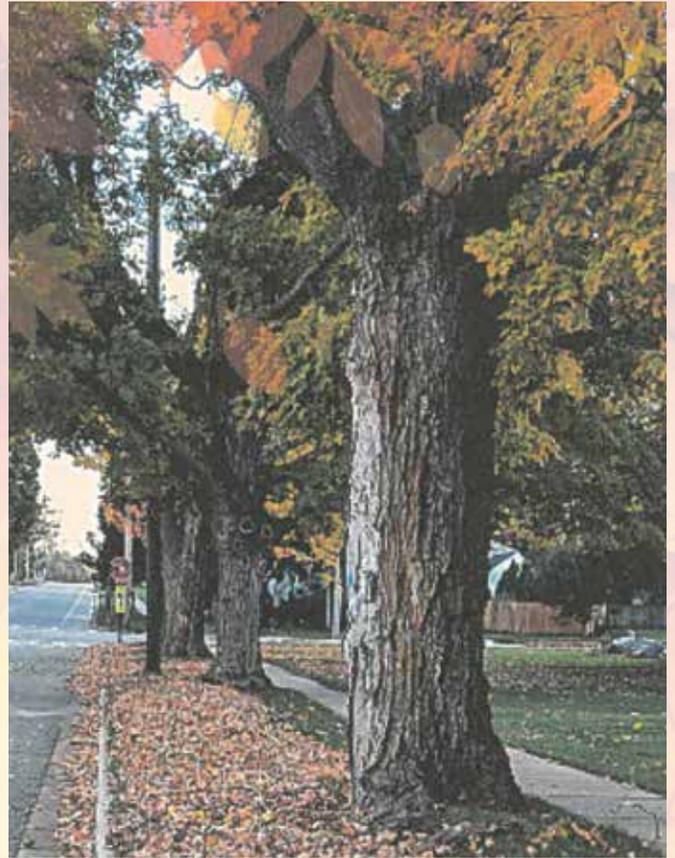
Leaf season will take place October 14 to December 20.

Leaf piles should be at or on the curb/gutter of the street. Try not to cover catch basins, and please put no other debris in the piles. This is BULK LEAF pick up. Yard, garden and flower bed debris should be put in paper yard waste bags for disposal. Priority Waste will continue to pick up yard waste during this time.

The routes will remain the same this year (see map, below).

If there are cars parked on piles, we will get to those piles the following week. If you know the crews will be in your area, please put cars in driveways to help the pickup process.

Once the season is over, the final clean will happen with the street sweeper.



Snow is right around the corner. DPW is ready with salt on hand and an up-to-date fleet of street plows and sidewalk snow removal vehicles.

When snow hits, depending on the day and timing, we first go to the schools (if in session), then cross streets such as Kercheval, St. Paul, Essex, Avondale, etc. This is followed by the north/south streets to ensure that Public Safety vehicles have clear streets for patrol.

Alleys and lots will follow. Sidewalk plows go out for snow over 3 inches. Homeowners or occupants are still responsible to clear the snow from sidewalks within 12 hours of the snowfall. Do not put snow in the street when removing. Place on the green space between sidewalk and curb.

Please give the crews enough room to work. **DO NOT TAILGATE** or **CUT OFF** the workers. These trucks **DO NOT STOP ON A DIME**.

Residents may pick up bulk salt at Windmill Pointe Park by showing a park pass. Residents must provide their own container, which cannot exceed five gallons.