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## *Report From Mayor Bob Denner*

It may not seem like spring outside, but it is time to begin planning for Spring activities and the many programs offered by your Parks and Recreation Department. Our Beautification Commission is also making plans for the annual plant exchange and the popular Arbor Day poster contest for fourth graders with awards to be presented at the May Council meeting. It is worth reading this issue cover to cover, as there is a great deal of information.

As reported in the press, the City is proceeding with plans to build a new Public Service Department facility to serve the needs of our Department of Public Works and Water Board. This new building will be on Mack Avenue between Maryland and Wayburn. It will develop an important block on Mack with an attractive building designed to be considerate of immediate neighbors. For the first time in many decades, the Public Works Department will have a more efficient building designed specifically to meet the department's needs. It is being pursued with the financial support of our Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) which is a tax re-capture entity designed to finance improvements in the northwest sector of our city. Once detailed plans are available, they will be presented to the Planning Commission in a public session for comment and approval. Construction is targeted to begin late this spring with planned completion late this year.

The A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery project has been announced on a sign near Jefferson and Maryland. The Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation will develop, own and operate the Schaap Center and will pay all construction costs through donor support. The Schaap Center will serve as the performance home of the Grosse Pointe The-

atre as well as host many other performance and community events. The gallery space will host a rotating display of fine art. This will be a terrific amenity for Grosse Pointe Park and the entire region and will significantly enhance the Jefferson gateway to the city. Plans will be presented to the Planning Commission in a public session this year for comment and approval, with ground breaking targeted for spring 2021.

The reconfiguration of elementary schools continues to be planned by the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Plans for Fall 2020 are to move fifth graders to middle school and consolidate Trombly into Defer. The City continues to work with GPPSS to improve traffic and pedestrian flow and safety around the Defer-Pierce campus to address the planned increase in students.

There is also a plan to open the Trombly Early Education Center at the Trombly campus, initially to serve three and four-year-olds in a year-round program, with plans for future expansion to younger ages. The GPPSS website will be providing more details.

The Army Corps of Engineers has predicted that water levels in Lake St. Clair could exceed last year's levels. We are working with our engineers on steps that can be taken to protect our parks, however, if water levels are higher, the marina could be significantly impacted.

As the weather warms, expect construction activities to resume. The City's paving program will focus on a few residential streets and cross streets. Schedules will be posted on the City's website. DTE will resume work to replace gas mains and meters on Wayburn through Nottingham. They will also complete restoration work stopped due to winter weather. Wayne County plans to repave Mack Avenue from Cadieux to Alter this year. They will be coordinating this work with our City administration.

Under the guidance of the Communications Committee of the City Council, the administration has recently implemented a new website. This is a substantial improvement over our previous site and I encourage you to visit it at [www.grossepointepark.org](http://www.grossepointepark.org).

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**Municipal Offices -  
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**313-822-6200**

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**313-822-2812**

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**313-822-1681**



**Grosse Pointe Park's Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/grossepointepark>

***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, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding Park Passes, please contact Public Service at (313) 822-4347.

- Businesses & Tenants are required to renew park passes annually.
- Homeowners must renew every four years (current pass expires December 31, 2022).
- 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.

***Tompkins Center***

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 ambience 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	\$400 from 1:00 pm – 1:00 am
Friday, Saturday, or Sunday Rentals	\$500 from 1:00 pm – 1:00 am
	\$750 (Memorial Day – Labor Day)
Weddings & Wedding Receptions	\$1,000 from 11:00 am – 1:00 am
	\$1,200 (Memorial Day – Labor Day)

***Grosse Pointe Park Communicator***

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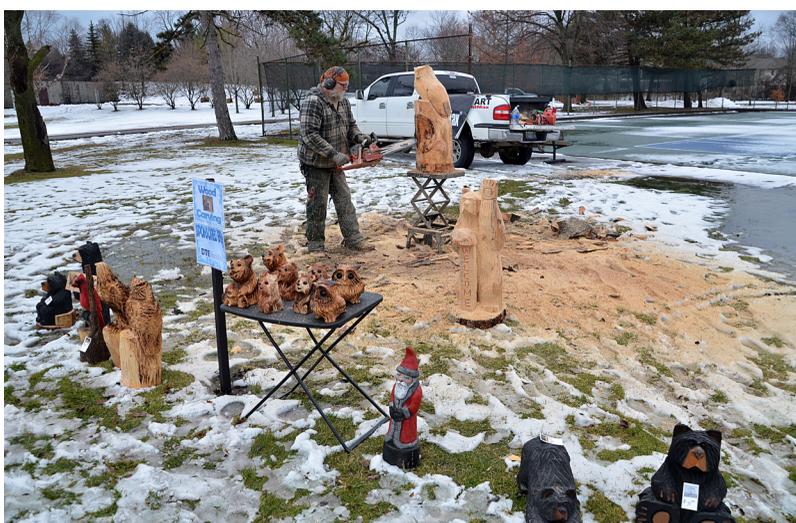
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## 2020 Chilly Fest

The City of Grosse Pointe Park would like to thank our sponsors for this year's Chilly Fest event: Chaz Gates with Sine & Monaghan; TradeFirst.com; O'Flaherty's; DTE Foundation and Red Crown. We would also like to thank all of the people who came to our event and those who participated in our Annual Chili Cook Off. Congratulations to this year's Chili Cook Off People's Choice winner, Emily Simaika and Judges' Choice, Matt Jakubowski. Once again, everyone's support made it a fun and successful event!





### ***Patterson Park Marshmallow Drop***

All children 10 years of age and under are invited to our outdoor Easter event on Saturday, April 4 at Patterson Park. The Marshmallow Drop will begin promptly at 12:00 p.m., rain or shine. Marshmallows will drop from the sky by helicopter. Children will be split into two age group categories and drop times:

- Children ages 1-5 at 12:00 p.m. (Arrive no later than 11:45 a.m.)
- Children ages 6-10 at 12:30 p.m. (Arrive no later than 12:15 p.m.)
- Families with children in both age categories can choose to participate in one drop, but it must be the 12:30 p.m. drop time.

Collection bags will be provided as the children arrive. After the drop, children will exchange their marshmallow filled bags for goodie bags at the overhang near the splash pad. Each drop will have 5 Golden Eggs and those who find them will receive a special prize. The Easter Bunny will also be on hand for pictures along with costumed characters and pony cart rides.

Tickets are \$10.00 per child and will be available March 1 through April 3 at the Lavins Activity Center front desk. For questions, please call Chad at (313)-822-2812 ext. 200.



### ***Tiny Tots***

Tiny Tots, taught by Suzanne Piepszowski, is held in the Lavins Activity Center gymnasium. This class is a developmentally-based gross motor class designed for children 18-36 months old. Along with their parents, the children learn how to move in fun and challenging ways while dancing to music and playing games with new friends.

**Session IV: 6 Weeks \$55.00**  
 Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
 February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Session V: 6 Weeks \$55.00**  
 Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
 April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19

### ***All Pointes' Daddy/Daughter Dance***

Sponsored By:



Dads, don't miss out on this fun evening with your daughters on Saturday, March 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. This is a joint event hosted by the Parks and Recreation Departments of all the Pointes for young ladies 12 and under. Sign up starts Monday, February 3 through Friday, March 13 for our tenth annual Daddy/Daughter Dance for \$10.00 per person. Dress in your semi formal attire and head to South High School's main gym. Each daughter will receive a single stem rose to take home.

Bring your cameras so you can take pictures of this memorable night. Appetizers and dessert will be provided throughout the evening. For more information, please call 822-2812 ext. 200.

### ***Dinner With Mary Lou***

Mary Lou Muer will provide Park residents with an "all you can eat" signature dish, complete with salad and fresh baked rolls. The dinners will be held in the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park on movie nights for those who wish to do dinner and a movie. This is a great way to dine with old friends and make new ones! The dates for the upcoming dinners are:

Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m.

***Lasanga***

Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m.

***Soups***

Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m.

***Spinach & Chicken Pot Pie***

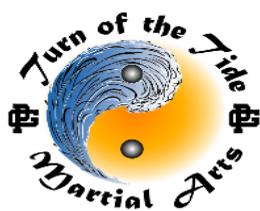
Coffee & water will be provided. Tickets are \$12 per adult and \$8 per child 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, call Chris at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201, or send an email to [delmegec@grossepointepark.org](mailto:delmegec@grossepointepark.org). Tickets sell out quickly, so make your reservations early!

### ***Pipsqueaks P.E.***

Pipsqueaks P.E., taught by Suzanne Piepszowski, is held in the Lavins Activity Center gymnasium. This class is for children 3-6 years old who are ready to move, dance, and play independently from their parents. This is a great class designed to get their bodies moving in a fun and energetic way while learning new developmental skills.

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 Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
 February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Session V: 6 Weeks \$55.00**  
 Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
 April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19



## *Karate For Kids*

*Head Instructor: Lisa Santi*  
*Instructors: Marino Santi/Francesca Ruggirello*  
 \$60.00 Per Session



***Don't let your child be bullied. Learn self-defense and anti-bullying skills in all of our Turn of the Tide Classes.***

The "Turn of the Tide" Martial Arts program teaches students how to gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. Registration begins two weeks before the start date of each session. Payment is due at signup and is non-refundable. For more information and to register online, visit the City website at: [www.grossepointepark.org](http://www.grossepointepark.org).

### ***Class Options:***

- "Advanced Karate":** Green, Red and Black Belt students.
- "Tiny Turtles":** Students age 4.
- "Little Dragons":** Students age 5 to 6.
- "Mighty Vipers":** Students age 7 to 9.

- "Pink Power Jr.":** Girls age 5 to 9.
- "Pink Power":** Girls age 10 and up.
- "Peaceful Warriors":** Students 10 and up or who have attained the rank of 8<sup>th</sup> Gup Purple Belt.

### ***Karate Class Schedule***

#### ***Session III:***

Feb. 3, 10, 24, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
 Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Little Dragons  
 Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Advanced Karate  
 Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Traditional Weapons

Feb. 4, 11, 25, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
 Tuesdays - 4:30 p.m. Mighty Vipers  
 Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors

Feb. 5, 12, 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1  
 Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Tiny Turtles  
 Wednesday - 5:15 p.m. Little Dragons

Feb. 6, 13, 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2  
 Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Little Dragons  
 Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power Jr.  
 Thursday - 5:30 p.m. Mighty Vipers  
 Thursday - 5:30 p.m. Pink Power

#### ***Session IV:***

Apr. 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, June 1  
 Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Little Dragons  
 Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Advanced Karate  
 Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Traditional Weapons

Apr. 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2  
 Tuesdays - 4:30 p.m. Mighty Vipers  
 Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors

Apr. 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3  
 Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Tiny Turtles  
 Wednesday - 5:15 p.m. Little Dragons

Apr. 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4  
 Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Little Dragons  
 Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power Jr.  
 Thursday - 5:30 p.m. Mighty Vipers  
 Thursday - 5:30 p.m. Pink Power

### ***Pink Power Class!***

The "Pink Power" classes are strictly for girls. The goal of these classes is to empower young girls and guide them on a journey of self-confidence and discovery through martial arts. They will learn karate and self-defense as well as build confidence in themselves to find their own voice. Like regular karate classes, the girls can test for rank and participate in all "Turn of the Tide Martial Arts" club events and activities.

### ***Martial Arts Specialty Classes***

There are several specialty classes offered throughout the year for strengthening martial arts skills. Please check the class schedule to see when these enrichment classes are available. Look for the following classes: Sparring, Forms and Testing Prep, Self Defense and Testing Prep. Each class will offer eight weeks of training geared to a specific group of students or focus on the specific skill set listed in the class title. These classes will help support students looking to advance in belt rank.

### ***Tiny Turtles***

Four-year olds love playtime and physical activity. In this 30 minute class, students will work on the skills and coordination needed to kick, punch, block, fall and roll. Through fun games and drills, students will gain the readiness needed to be successful in karate and other sports.

### ***Important Karate Dates...***

**Karate Olympics**  
**Saturday, February 8, 2020**  
**11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Parents Night/Demo Night**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2020**  
**3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

## Lavins Activity Center

Looking for something to do? The Lavins Activity Center offers many recreational options for residents to take part in year round. The Meade Fitness Center is available for weight training and/or cardio workouts and we have an assortment of fitness classes taught in the Golden Gymnasium such as Yoga, Indoor Cycling, Zumba, etc. (see complete class list below). Also located in the Lavins Activity Center are the Okulski Family Theatre and the Carol C. Schaap Theatre for an evening out at the movies!

### Fitness Center Hours

Monday-Thursday	5:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Meade Fitness Center

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center, the Meade Fitness Center is a great place to burn a few calories and have a fantastic view of Lake St. Clair. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weight machines, free weights and state-of-the-art cardio equipment. Our Certified Personal Trainers on staff are available to provide complimentary assessment sessions to new members by appointment. Members may also purchase private Personal Training Sessions with our trainers for a more individualized weight training program.

### Fitness Classes

Membership to the Fitness Center also includes full access to all of our exercise classes. Classes are conducted in the Golden Gymnasium. Classes are ongoing year round, but a monthly schedule is always available in the lobby which will reflect any possible changes. Classes include the following: Balance & Flexibility, Body Sculpting, Cardio Sport, Chair Pilates, Circuit, Indoor Cycling, Pilates, Yoga, and Zumba.

### Personal Training

Personal Training Sessions can be purchased at the front desk of the Lavins Center. All trainers are certified.

Single Sessions	\$60.00
Three Session Packet	\$165.00
Six Session Packet	\$300.00

### Pickleball Continues

Come join in the fun of Pickleball! The courts are open for \$5.00 Drop-In Pickleball on Mondays and Wednesdays. (See times below.) We will also have Beginner Pickleball Instruction available with our Pickleball expert, Patrick Cardinali, on the second and fourth Wednesday evening of every month. The Beginner Instruction classes, or "Pickling with Pat", will start on March 18<sup>th</sup> and are the same price as the regular Drop-In.

Regular \$5 Drop-In Schedule:

Monday and Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:00 – 9:00 pm

"Pickling with Pat" \$5 Drop-In Beginner Instruction

Wednesday Evenings 7:00 pm

(On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month starting March 18<sup>th</sup>)

### Membership Prices

Fitness Memberships are all-inclusive, providing access to the Meade Fitness Center and all exercise classes!

	Quarterly	Annual
<b>Adults</b> (Ages 19-59)	\$135.00	\$400.00
<b>Students</b> (Ages 16 - 25)	\$100.00	\$295.00
<b>Seniors</b> (Ages 60 & Up)	\$100.00	\$295.00
<b>Couple</b>	\$190.00	\$650.00
<b>Senior Couple</b>	\$155.00	\$435.00
<b>One Month</b> - \$45.00		
<b>Two Weeks</b> - \$25.00		
<b>Day Pass</b> - \$10.00		

### Windmill Pointe Park Theatres

Our theatres offer a variety of movies on the big screen. Call (313) 822-2812 and press ext. 1, to hear the current movie titles. Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day. Teens are advised to have their park pass and I.D. available for PG-13 and R rated movies. You can't beat the convenience of popcorn and a movie so close to home!

#### TICKET PRICES - OKULSKI FAMILY THEATRE:

Adults - \$7.00	Seniors (60 & over) - \$6.00
Children (12 & under) - \$6.00	Matinée - \$5.00

#### TICKET PRICES - CAROL C. SCHAAP THEATRE:

Adults - \$8.00	Seniors (60 & over) - \$7.00
Children (12 & under) - \$7.00	Matinée - \$6.00

**NOTE: THE MOVIES START ON TIME!**  
So get here early to get your snacks and seats!

### Theater Private Rentals

The movie theaters are available for private rental use with DVD films. Rentals are available daily Monday through Friday and Monday and Wednesday evenings only. For more information regarding private rentals, please call (313) 822-2812, ext. 302. Rental Rates for each theatre are as follows:

Okulski Theatre	Small Party	\$160
Okulski Theatre	Large Party	\$200
Schaap Theatre	Flat Rate	\$200

### Gym Rentals

Occasional half-court gym rentals of the Golden Family Gymnasium are available. Reservations may be made with pre-payment 72 hours in advance (maximum) for basketball, volleyball, badminton and running games. The fee is \$20 per hour for half court. Park passes are required for access to the Park and the Lavins Activity Center.

**Winter Cornhole League 2019**  
**Sponsored By: O'Flaherty's**



**All Pointes Cornhole Tournament**

This will be our fourth annual All Pointes Cornhole Tournament. The Tournament will be hosted by Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, May 16 at 12:00 p.m. Sign in at 11:30 a.m. at the pavilion. The registration fee is \$25 per team and participants must be over the age of 18. A lunch will be provided and the top three teams will receive trophies and prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place along with raffle prizes. Registrations can be submitted at Windmill Pointe Park Parks & Recreation Office starting Monday, March 2 - Wednesday, May 13. The rain location will be held at Grosse Pointe Park's gymnasium.

**Afternoon Out Continues!**

This season we're featuring classics with memorable music and musicians. Come join us for these FREE presentations during those long, cold winter months. Twice a month, on the following Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, we'll warm you up with some musical memories from the past and present.

- February 12 Saturday Night Fever - 1977 (2 hrs.)
- February 26 The Body Guard - 1992 (2 hrs. 9 min.)
- March 11 Ray - 2004 (2 hrs. 30 min.)
- March 25 Walk the Line - 2005 (2 hrs. 16 min.)
- April 8 Searching for Sugarman - 2012 (1hr. 30 min.)
- April 22\* A Star is Born - 2018 (2 hrs., 16 min.)

\*Luncheon before the April 22 presentation at 12:00 pm in the Tompkins Center. For more information, contact the Lavins Activity Center at (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.

**Guided Meditation:  
 Cultivating Mindfulness – 90 Minutes**

A comprehensive, non-dogmatic and easy to follow guided meditation practice suitable to all levels of experience taught by Jonathan Itchon, Holistic Wellness Guide. This class offers an opportunity to gather in a like-minded community and relax the body, relax the mind and attune to the internal wisdom and guidance from within. Access and amplify the multitude of positive and lasting health benefits unlocked through consistent meditative practice. (Classes are held in the Lavins Activity Center McKeever Lounge. 15 Participant Maximum/4 Minimum Per Class)

**Single Session Drop-In Only**  
 \$15

**Tuesdays March 10 - April 28**  
 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm  
 8 Sessions - \$100

**Thursdays March 12 - April 30**  
 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
 8 Sessions - \$100



**Competitive Champions - Spartans**



**Competitive Runner Up - Hole Heckers**



**Recreational Runner Up - Thursday Knights**

**Not Pictured - Recreational Champions -  
 Maized & Confused**

## The Grosse Pointe Park Mutants Need You

We are getting ready to start another thrilling Mutant season. The "Mutants" are our summer swim team, which is comprised of residents ages 17 and under who already know how to swim and want to compete. Weekly dual meets are held against the neighboring Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores. For 2020 registration forms and information, please go to the Mutant website after April 1 at [www.gppmutants.org](http://www.gppmutants.org) and look for the 2020 Registration Form.

**THE ANNUAL PARENT MEETING** will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Okulski Family Theater. This is an optional informational meeting for new and returning swim team families. You may also register your swimmers at that time and save \$5 (a parent meeting special only), pre-order Mutant wear, and sign up to volunteer for team events and activities.

**SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS:** Sunday, May 17 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the pool. (Rain Date: Wednesday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m.)

- Tryouts from 3:00 to 3:30 - Open to new swimmers only (not previously on the Mutants).
- Returning Mutants wishing to change levels can tryout starting at 3:30 p.m.
- Register your swimmers and sign up to volunteer.
- Order team swimsuits and other Mutant wear. (Team swimsuits are available for purchase, but are not required.)

### SWIM TEAM FEES - Payable to "Grosse Pointe Park Mutants":

1 Swimmer: \$120	3 Swimmers: \$280	5 Swimmers: \$320
2 Swimmers: \$200	4 Swimmers: \$300	

## Lindell Lodge & Patio

The Lindell Lodge will be available for bookings of 25 or less from April 15 to November 15, 2020. Features include: 32" HD LCD TV, surround sound stereo system, fireplace, 2 comfy chairs, and 2 wooden café tables with accompanying wooden chairs. Call 822-2812, ext. 201 to reserve your date. Monday - Friday - \$75.00 Saturday & Sunday - \$125.00



## Picnic Permits

Picnic permits can be obtained for up to 20 guests for Windmill Pointe Park or Patterson Park. Each household can obtain 2 picnic permits per year. For more information, please call (313) 822-2812.

Monday - Friday - \$15.00 / Large Grill - \$5.00  
Saturday and Sunday - \$25.00 / Large Grill - \$5.00

## Sensei Lisa Santi Celebrates 30 Years

Karate Instructor Sensei Lisa Santi and her Turn of the Tides Martial Arts Program are celebrating 30 years of instruction here at the Lavins Activity Center. She started teaching her program in the Tompkins Center back in 1990 and the program has remained and grown ever since. The children of Grosse Pointe Park have had the privilege of being taught by one of the best. Lisa is a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt and has studied the art for 38 years. She is a 1st Degree Black Belt in American Style Nunchucku and a Certified Self Defense Instructor. She has taught hundreds of self-defense classes. Lisa was also inducted into the Mid-West Women's Hall of Fame and Awmaj Hall of Fame for 30+ years of training and teaching. Lisa has three grown children who have all obtained their Black Belts. Her son, Marino Santi, who has a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt, and daughter, Francesca Ruggirello, who has a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt, have accompanied her to class for years and are both instructors as well.

Lisa teaches the values, skills and discipline of the martial arts with a genuine interest in each individual child. She knows her students and their families well and promotes community involvement and service by involving them in programs such as the Gleaners Food Drive and Kids Kicking Cancer. She also has a scholarship program that enables children who can't afford the karate classes to participate. Not only does she teach her students values, skills and discipline, she also teaches them compassion. Students who start at 4 or 5 years of age generally stick with the program all the way to high school. Lisa has two students testing for Black Belt Level this year. She has even had some parents as students. Over the years, Lisa has had a total of 47 students who have earned their Black Belt.

The City of Grosse Pointe Park and the Lavins Activity Center would like to thank Lisa for her unwavering dedication to her program, students and to us over the last 30 years and we hope for many more. The Turn of the Tides Martial Arts Program is truly the best and longest lasting program we have ever had.



## ShredCorp.

ShredCorp. will be at Windmill Pointe Park on Saturday, May 16 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. to shred all of your personal papers such as bills and tax returns for \$5.00 per box (5 box limit). Staples and paper clips DO NOT have to be removed. The only items that will NOT be accepted are hazardous waste, newspapers, x-rays, binders, and computer discs. Please have your papers in a banker's box.



NERPA members invite individuals 50 or better to participate in this all inclusive trip, complete with five-course dinners, a wide variety of unique programs and activities such as golf, tournaments, crafts, dancing and carriage tours that make your stay at this world class destination a truly *Grand Experience*.

**Monday, October 26 — Thursday, October 29, 2020**  
**Registration begins 9:00a.m. Thursday, April 2**

Price includes:

- Round-trip motor coach transportation (reduced pricing is available if you choose to drive on your own)
- Three nights at the elegant Grand Hotel, including baggage handling, taxes and tips
- Round trip ferry tickets and horse drawn taxi to and from the hotel
- Lunch on the way to Mackinac Island (bus service only)
- Full breakfast each morning at the hotel
- Grand Hotel Luncheon Buffet on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Tea and cookies each afternoon at the hotel
- Five-course dinner each night at the hotel
- On Wednesday, guests will be treated to a cocktail reception prior to the final dinner
- Nightly dancing with the Grand Hotel Orchestra
- Grand Hotel history lecture and a carriage tour
- Unlimited golf, daily activities, evening entertainment, or time on your own

**Pricing per person:**

	With deluxe bus service	Driving on your own
Single	\$1125	\$1050
Double	\$845	\$770
Triple	\$750	\$675

To assist in the registration process you **MUST** register at the same time as people you plan to room with.

**Please note: details above are subject to change prior to the release of the final itinerary.**

The Grand Experience Trip will depart from and registration will take place at:  
**Sterling Heights Senior Center**  
 40200 Utica Road  
 Sterling Heights, MI 48313



Trip itinerary will be available at the Pre-trip meeting on October 2 @ 2:00p.m.



**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- Complete one form per person.
- 50% deposit is due at the time of registration. Final payment is due August 14, 2020.
- Rooms are sold on a first come– first served basis. Trip sells out each year, call 586-446-2750 to check availability.
- Bring completed form and payment to:  
**Sterling Heights Senior Center**  
 40200 Utica  
 Sterling Heights, MI 48313
- If mailing forms send to:  
**Sterling Heights Senior Center**  
 PO BOX 8009  
 Sterling Heights, MI 48311-8009
- Checks should be made payable to:  
**Treasurer, City of Sterling Heights**

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

- The Grand Hotel has a dress code. Before 6 p.m., dress for comfort and weather. Casual clothing is allowed in the dining room for breakfast and lunch. After 6 p.m., ladies should wear evening dresses or pant suits and gentlemen must wear a coat and tie throughout the hotel.
- Luggage space is limited to one piece of luggage and one carry on.
- The Grand Hotel is a non-smoking facility.
- All activities and programs are accessible and useable by individuals with disabilities. **The hotel has a limited number of barrier free rooms. Please be specific with your request, such as, bars in the shower, near elevator, wheelchair access, etc.**
- We will have a pre-trip meeting to pick up luggage tags and answer FAQs on Friday, October 2 at 2:00p.m. at the Sterling Heights Senior Center.

**You can find the form on our City's webpage at [www.grossepointepark.org](http://www.grossepointepark.org), or call the Sterling Heights Senior Center at (586) 446-2750 for availability. Note: This event sells out quickly!**

**Calendar Highlights**

A reminder of pertinent dates & events coming up in our city. Please note the dates that may be of interest to you and your family.

**February 17 Presidents Day**  
**City Hall & Park Office Closed**

**February 25 Dinner With Mary Lou**  
**Tompkins Center at 5:30 p.m.**

**March 21 All Pointes Daddy/Daughter Dance**  
**Grosse Pointe South Main Gym at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**March 24 Dinner With Mary Lou**  
**Tompkins Center at 5:30 p.m.**

**April 4 Marshmallow Drop**  
**Patterson Park at 12:00 and 12:30 p.m.**

**April 10 Good Friday**  
**City Hall & Park Office Closed**

**April 12 Easter Sunday PLEASE NOTE**  
**Windmill Pointe Park & Lavins Activity Center Closed**  
**Patterson Park open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**April 15 Marina Opens for 2020 Season**

**April 28 Dinner With Mary Lou**  
**Tompkins Center at 5:30 p.m.**

**May 16 Shredding**  
**Windmill Pointe Park at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**May 16 Perennial Plant Exchange**  
**Windmill Pointe Park at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**May 16 All Pointes Cornhole Tournament**  
**Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park at 11:30 a.m.**

**May 25 Memorial Day**  
**City Hall & Park Office Closed**

## LANDLORDS TAKE NOTICE

Renting of property requires a Certificate of Occupancy permit and all landlords must, for the safety of the renters, acquire a C of O inspection. As in most industries, laws and regulations change periodically and for the safety of your renters, retrofits and repairs must be made. Inspections and dates will be from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. No extensions will be granted. Be sure to schedule your inspection early, thereby giving yourself time to complete your repairs and allow access for the inspection. A reinspection, because of no access or incomplete repairs, will cause a \$50.00 reinspection fee to be charged to the landlord. Landlords are required to obtain business licenses annually and must notify the city whenever there is a change in tenancy. These forms are available at City Hall and at [www.grossepointepark.org](http://www.grossepointepark.org).

## SNOW REMOVAL

Streets are our number one priority during snow events. Due to the cost of salt, the Department of Public Works will be spot salting at intersections and mid-way on all streets. During accumulating snow, streets will be salted and plowing will take place when accumulation is 3 inches or greater.

### SNOW REMOVAL BY CONTRACTOR

It is the contractor's responsibility to push the snow they are plowing back onto the homeowner's property, not the neighbor's property. The Police Department will issue tickets to contractors who violate this policy.

#### Sec. 21-52. Sidewalks to be Cleared.

The occupant of every lot or premises adjoining any street, or the owner of such lot or premises, if the same are not occupied, shall clear all ice and snow from sidewalks adjoining such lot or premises within the time here-in required. After any snow or ice shall cease to fall, such snow or ice shall be cleared from the sidewalks within twelve (12) hours of such cessation (code 1957).

### SIDEWALKS

As a service to homeowners, snow and ice is cleared from sidewalks. In the event that snowfall is very limited or ice build-up occurs, residents are asked to clear their sidewalks within 12 hours of such occurrences. Grosse Pointe Park City Code states as follows:

#### Sec. 21-53. Failure to Clear.

If any occupant or owner shall neglect or fail to clear ice or snow from the sidewalk adjoining his premises within the time limit, or shall otherwise permit ice or snow to accumulate on such sidewalk, he shall be guilty of a violation of this article and in addition, the Director of Public Service may cause the same to be cleared and the expense of removal shall become a debt to the city from the occupant or owner of such premises, and shall be collected as any other debt to the city. (Code 1957). Please remove vehicles from street during snow storms.

## 2020 BOARD OF REVIEW

The 2020 Board of Review will meet in March. Notices will be mailed to all property owners by the end of February. The hours in session, location, and number to call for appointments will be printed on the notice. Every person who makes a request, protest or application to the March Board of Review will be notified in writing of the Board of Review's action. Please note the CPI index for the year 2020 is 1.9%. All properties will go up by 1.9% unless construction improvements were done.

There is no requirement for what may be submitted for a local appeal. Each case is heard and judged on a case by case basis. Valuation disclosures presented by a petitioner may include appraisal of the subject that is being appealed and any other materials to support their contention of value. Pictures of property and those of comparable properties are helpful. Comparable should not differ in size, age, or location. If using foreclosure, sheriff sale, or short sale, it should be noted as these could have had an effect on the sale price.

It is the Board of Review's responsibility to make an independent judgment based on the facts presented and on the law, knowing that price and cost may serve as the basis for expressing value, but are not synonymous with value. Section 27(5) of the General Property Tax Act states the following: "beginning December 31, 1994, the purchase price in a transfer of a property is not the presumptive true cash value of a property transferred." Therefore the Board of Review does NOT have the authority to change an assessment solely on a sale price.

## Water Levels Expected to Rise

Once more we expect water levels to rise. This projection is based on the present condition of the lake basin and anticipated future weather. For more details, see the following link:

<https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Weekly-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/>



## POLL WORKERS NEEDED!

### Earn Money And Serve Your Community

#### Who can be a poll worker?

- Registered voters in Michigan

#### What does a poll worker do?

- Work from 6:15 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Set up and close the polls
- Assist voters on Election Day

#### Why become a poll worker?

- Serve your community
- Gain work experience
- Work close to home
- Earn extra money (\$145 - 170)



#### How to apply:

- Fill out application at City Hall
- Fill out application from [www.grossepointepark.org](http://www.grossepointepark.org)
- For questions, call us at (313) 822-4380



### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day

Grosse Pointe Farms

October 17, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This event is open to residents of the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores and Harper Woods. A valid driver's license is required to verify Grosse Pointe / Harper Woods residency. **Questions may be directed to Pat Thomas at the City of Grosse Pointe Park - (313) 822-5100.**

**Acceptable Waste:**

- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries - Mixed
- Biomedical Sharps
- Corrosives (acids/bases)
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent Lamps/PCB Light Ballast
- Mercury (Elemental)
- Non-DEA Controlled Pharmaceuticals
- Non-Regulated Waste
- Oil Based & Latex Paint and Solvents
- OTC Medications
- Pesticides / Herbicides
- Propane Cylinders (up to 30lbs/each acceptable)
- Reactives / Oxidizers
- Smoke Detectors
- Tires

**Unacceptable Waste:**

- 55 Gallon Drums of Waste
- Air Conditioners
- Ammunition
- Appliances / White Goods
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (Propane Acceptable up to 30 lbs)
- DEA-Controlled Narcotics
- Electronics - All Kinds
- Explosives
- Fireworks
- Flares
- Industrial / Commercial Waste
- Microwaves
- Radioactive Waste
- Yard Waste / Trash

### Recycling Reminder



Compost recycling will start again the first week of April. All recycling must be placed in the proper recycling containers for pick up. Clear plastic bags with excess recycling will not be picked up. Also, cardboard needs to be broken down and placed in the container for recycling.

### 2019 Holiday Awards



How nice to see the Park community all aglow with holiday lights! Our thanks to all the homeowners who took the time to decorate their homes for the Christmas season. The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission would like to commend the homes listed below for their exceptional job in sharing the joy of the holidays with their neighbors by lighting trees, wreaths, rooflines and displaying winter scenes. They will be recognized with certificates for their outstanding displays. Our thanks also to the homes that are perennial favorites and may not have been included in this year's list so that other homes could be included. The street with the most awards this year was Devonshire. We regret any errors or omissions due to the difficulty in reading house numbers at night or viewing when lights may not have been on. Please give the Commission a call if you would like us to check your house for 2020.

Balfour	987, 969, 1312, 1360
Barrington	513, 800
Beaconsfield	1014, 1019, 1229, 1303
Bedford	729, 746, 1259
Berkshire	977, 947, 1417
Bishop	1018, 1109, 1347
Buckingham	1000, 1143
Cadieux	1165
Devonshire	1002, 1170, 1242, 1246, 1321
Edgemont Park	902
Ellair Place	815
Grand Marais	924
Grayton	1220
Harvard	1170, 1310
Kensington	1123, 1105, 1381
Lakepointe	789, 1154/52, 1266, 1303
Maryland	1017, 1079, 1123
Maumee	16620
Nottingham	1019, 1128, 1338, 1389
Somerset	1355, 1361, 1430
Three Mile Drive	1007, 1356
Wayburn	1239, 1243
Westchester	741, 894
Windmill Pointe	15210, 15220
Whittier	1043, 1269, 1386
Yorkshire	1050, 1350

## Announcing Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission's 2020 Tree Sale

*(Tree sale is for Park residents only. Supplies are limited and orders will be filled on the basis of date and time received at the Park Municipal Building.)*

**Snowdrift Crabapple** (*Malus 'Snowdrift'*). Profuse pink buds become white flowers in spring, then glossy green foliage turning yellow in fall. Ornamental 3/8" yellow fruit persists into winter and is attractive to birds. Grows to 20' H x 20' W. Containerized 6' tall.

**Robinson Crabapple** (*Malus 'Robinson'*). Crimson buds open to deep pink flowers, bronze/green foliage. Upright spreading, rounded shape to 25' H. 3/8" red fruit. Containerized 6' tall.

**Weeping Cherry** (*Prunus*). Attractive flowers. Weeping branches structure. Beautiful small ornamental. Containerized approx. 5' tall.

**Autumn Blaze Red Maple** (*Acer rubrum 'Autumn Blaze'*). Grows very fast. Large growing shade tree reaching 50'. Green leaves turn a brilliant red in the fall. Containerized approx. 7' tall.



**Snowdrift Crabapple**



**Robinson Crabapple**



**Weeping Cherry**



**Autumn Blaze Red Maple**

**Orders must be in by Arbor Day - Friday, April 24, 2020.**

**Return to:** Brian Colter, City Forester  
15115 East Jefferson  
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Along with your check, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and your phone number so you may be advised of tree pick-up dates.

**Make check payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the full amount.**

Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Snowdrift Crabapple \_\_\_\_\_ at \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Robinson Crabapple \_\_\_\_\_ at \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Red Maple \_\_\_\_\_ at \$70.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weeping Cherry \_\_\_\_\_ at \$70.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NO GUARANTEES

### Spring Perennial Plant Exchange

Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission  
Saturday, May 16, 2020 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Tompkins Community Center

Composting demonstrations. Master gardeners available to answer questions. Exchange planting ideas with fellow gardeners. No plants for exchanging? No problem, gardeners happily share their extras. Free mulch, courtesy of The City of Grosse Pointe Park, will be available at Windmill Pointe Park.

For more information, please visit the website at [www.grossepointepark.org](http://www.grossepointepark.org),  
or select "current information" at [www.bcsem.org](http://www.bcsem.org).