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Report From Mayor Bob Denner

Jack Frost will soon be nipping at your toes, but our Parks and Recreation Department has all kinds of things planned to help you enjoy the winter season, both indoors and outdoors. This Communicator highlights the many programs, events and other opportunities offered.

I am pleased to announce that our former Assistant City Manager is our new City Manager. The City Council voted in a special meeting on September 5 to hire Nick Sizeland as the next City Manager of Grosse Pointe Park. Nick has hit the ground running and can be contacted at City Hall by email at sizelandn@grossepointepark.org or by phone at 313-822-6200. Please join us in congratulating Nick on his new role leading our city.

In their September 23 meeting, City Council voted to pursue a dog park at Patterson Park. A tentative site was presented and the administration is hosting workshops with residents to discuss options and details leading to planned development of the dog park in the spring. See the City's website or Facebook page for details on upcoming workshops.

Improvements in school safety are actively being pursued by the administration. Work is underway to improve signage and crosswalks which serve our students, especially around Pierce Middle School, Defer Elementary School and on the students' walking routes. In addition, an opportunity to use Smart Cone technology offered by Next Energy is being explored for the Kercheval/Nottingham and St. Paul/Somerset intersections to enhance pedestrian safety. A grant is also being pursued under the Federal Safe Routes To School program to design additional safety improvements in traffic and pedestrian flow around the Pierce/Defer campuses.

As most of you know, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has voted to close Trombly Elementary School starting with the 2020-21 school year. While efforts continue to reverse this decision, at this time the direction is clearly to close the school. This decision amplifies the importance of the safety improvements outlined above. The City Council and administration will continue to represent the interests of our community as we work through this difficult issue.

I would also like to congratulate our Public Safety Department on a job well done. Among communities with at least 10,000 residents, according to the FBI Crime Statistics of 2018, Grosse Pointe Park had no violent crimes reported to Public Safety. The website backgroundchecks.com also put the Park in third place among 3,000 Michigan communities using 2017 data. The company's formula uses both the violent and property crime statistics, plus a factor reflecting the ratio of law enforcement personnel to residents.

A recent addition to the City's community engagement efforts is a regularly scheduled Coffee and Conversation with City Hall event. These are planned to be scheduled each month and will include up to three members of Council, the City Manager and a City Department Head. The first event was held recently at Mimi's Bistro. It was well attended and resulted in the exchange of many ideas and concerns. Future sessions will be posted on the City's website and Facebook page.

The annual West Park Winter Social is planned for November 30, 4:00 – 11:00 pm. This free event includes a Holiday Market, Food Trucks, Tree Lighting, craft beer and cocktails in heated tents, along with warming fire pits. Evening entertainment provided by The Dock-siders, Supercrunch, and Hummingbirds Music Together (Family Sing-A-Long).

There are a couple of updates on topics from the Fall Communicator. As reported, the City has opened Kercheval at Wayburn to two-way traffic, both in and out of all sides of the roundabout, restoring the westbound lane of Kercheval.

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Sledding Hill Hours

10:00 a.m. to Dusk

Windmill Pointe Park

8:00 a.m. to Dusk

City Phone Numbers

911 - Emergencies Only

**Municipal Offices -
Automated Telephone System:**

Main Number

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 Service:	313-822-5020
Public Works Garage:	313-822-5100
Voting & Elections:	313-822-4380
Tax Information:	313-822-4267
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<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 a 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, wireless microphone, wifi and podium. The sound system includes an 3.5mm auxiliary hookup.

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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The planned improvement to DDOT bus flow and turnaround on Jefferson will be completed this fall, as permits have been secured from Wayne County and a contractor has been retained.

Our City continues to move forward with new initiatives and improvements. If you have comments, please email them to me at dennerb@grossepointepark.org.

Letter From The City Manager

I would like to thank you, the residents, the business community, City Council and the City Departments for putting your vote of confidence in me to become the new City Manager. I look forward to the future and what we can do together for our wonderful community. My door is always open at City Hall to discuss your ideas, initiatives and/or concerns and I look forward to our conversations. As part of a new initiative and a chance to meet with you all in person, the City is hosting outreach events once a month at different locations throughout the City. The first of these was held at Mimi's Bistro in October. Great discussions took place and provided good feedback and ideas from the community. Future dates, times and locations will fluctuate to accommodate everyone's schedule including a rotation of City staff and or City Council members. Please look to our City website, email and Facebook for our next discussion. Also on the communication front, the City will have a new website which is close to launching. This will enable the City to communicate in a more effective manner and provide for easier navigation.

The City has been busy working with our engineers, GLWA and EGLE (Formerly Department of Environmental Quality), to identify options for drying out the City when impacted by significant rain events and is working through the permit process at this time. Stay tuned as more information becomes available. The City has also applied for an Asset Management grant through SEMCOG to include our infrastructure of sewers, storm and water distribution mains on a GIS database.

The City Planning Commission, at its last meeting on October 15, received continued feedback from residents about the revision process of our City Master Plan. Please continue to send your comments and suggestions to the Planning Commission as we look forward to shaping the future of Grosse Pointe Park. In addition, pay close attention as the City looks forward to announcing green initiatives in the not so distant future.

The City is currently conducting outdoor workshops to discuss dog park locations within Patterson Park. Two workshops have taken place reviewing site options and evaluating criteria. Please join us at our next workshop on November 6 at 9:00am. Chad Craig, our Parks & Recreation Supervisor, and I look forward to our continued dialogue.

Thank you Grosse Pointe Park and I look forward to working together to see our community thrive.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention for Businesses

The greatest threat to our waterways today is stormwater pollution. Stormwater runoff picks up chemicals, sediment, litter, and other contaminants as it flows over the impervious surfaces that cover a significant portion of our urban watershed. In most of the communities within our watershed, stormwater enters storm drains and is then car-

ried to local water bodies untreated. The amount of fertilizers, gas, oil and other chemicals humans use place a heavy burden on the ecosystem as well as public health. Through education, we aim to raise awareness of individuals and businesses to encourage the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) to reduce stormwater pollution.

Existing stormwater regulations for industry and businesses are being enforced more effectively in recent years, so it is important for employees to know and follow proper procedures (BMPs). Failure to comply is not excusable because the BMPs may appear inconvenient, seem unimportant, or proper training was lacking. Businesses, and their employees, can have a significant impact on the prevention of stormwater pollution. Methods of pollution prevention and BMPs will vary based on the type of business and activities undertaken. A good start to proper pollution prevention is following these guidelines:

- Educate employees about stormwater pollution,
- Post procedures in the areas where they would be implemented, and
- Be sure management is setting a good example.

It is illegal to discharge wastewater or water containing soaps, detergents, cleaning products, grease, etc. into streets or down curb inlets. Consider these tips:

All Businesses

- Never dump mop water in the street or storm drain. It should be dumped in a wash tub or toilet where it can be treated through the sanitary sewer system.
- Never pour chemicals down drains. They can corrode pipes and may not be completely removed at a wastewater treatment facility.
- When considering a new parking lot, look at green infrastructure options that help to filter stormwater rather than allow it to run off. Some examples are brick pavers or permeable pavement, and rain gardens to capture and filter stormwater. Coal tar should not be used on asphalt.
- If a new roof is needed, think about a green roof. This can greatly reduce the amount of stormwater running off the roof and into drains. They can also save on energy.
- Clean floormats, filters and garbage cans in a mop sink, washrack or floor drain connected to the sanitary sewer through a grease trap. Don't wash them in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street.
- Use dry methods for spill cleanup (sweeping, cat litter, etc.) and place solid waste in trash. Don't hose down spills.
- Keep the dumpster area clean and the lid closed.

Restaurants

- Recycle grease and oil. Grease and oil should not be poured down drains or into alleyways or parking lots. Grease and oil entering the sanitary sewer system can cause "fat bergs", a buildup of fats, oils, grease, and other products that can bind together and cause sewer backups or overflows. When allowed to enter the storm sewer system, they go to the lake without treatment directly causing pollution.
- Clean grease traps every one to three months and keep a maintenance log.
- Dispose of mop/cleaning water in a wash tub rather than a drain or outside. It will then be treated instead of the soaps and detergents entering waterways untreated.

Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Awards Program

The Beautification Commission of Grosse Pointe Park held its annual awards program Thursday, October 10th at the Tompkins Center in Windmill Pointe Park. This year the Commission presented 25 residential awards to homeowners who have taken exceptional care with the appearance and upkeep of their property. Two commercial awards were also presented for improvements that enhanced the appearance of our business community.

Commercial Awards:

Gallery Animato -- Owners Bob & Elaine Athey

The Bricks Pizzeria – Trenton Chamberlain, Exec. Chef

Residential Award Winners:

Lawrence & Catherine Bahoura

Ben & Laura Burns

Dante & Ashley Collins

Gilbert & Linda Finger

Ursula Henry

Janette & Mark High

The Mark Hughes Family

Darius & Ruth Hummel

John & Mary King

David & Theresa Klaasen

Christopher & Jeanne Lewandowski

Dr. Margaret Eckel-Lujan & Dr. David Lujan

Rebecca Marchetti

Dr. James & Diane Martin

Arthur & Lauren Mullen

John & Caroline Okonowski

Mary Louise O'Loughlin

Anna & Frank Palazzolo

The Quarles Family

Louis & Joyce Rondini

Ava Lux & Michael Schoenith

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Scofield

Kathy & Dan Webster

Wil Wade & Tricia Hembling

The Wdziekonski Family



Park Place Market

Park Place Market on Charlevoix received the prestigious President's Award from Keep Michigan Beautiful (KMB). It is the organization's highest honor. KMB, Inc. is a statewide non-profit "Maintaining the Beauty of Michigan since 1962". It is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful.

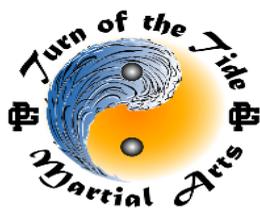
The renovation of Park Place Market began in May of 2016, taking just over a year and a half to complete. They opened for business on July 20, 2018. The opportunity to purchase the building presented itself a few years ago. Located directly across the street from where they had been operating a small corner market for 29 years, it seemed the perfect opportunity for a future move. Foreseeing the growth of the neighborhood and anticipating their own, they could not pass up the opportunity though knowing full well how much time and effort it would take to bring the building up to their standards and to meet the community expectations. The building plans included a full-service kitchen, a coffee bar, a 20' x 20' beer cave, wall-to-wall shelving for spirits, a walk-in humidor, floor to ceiling wine shelving, an office, two bathrooms and multiple coolers and freezers. To facilitate these plans, all new plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems were also needed.

Wanting to stay true to the building architecturally and aesthetically, the interior design was very well thought out. They left as much of the existing brickwork exposed as they could. Hand-crafted wood shelving complete with library ladder was added along with a custom-designed cedar-paneled humidor. The ambient light fixtures were designed and chosen to stay in keeping with the feel of the building and complement the open ceiling rafters. The intention of the exterior design was to change as little as possible. The limestone detailing was cleaned thoroughly, the overgrown side lawn was excavated and a stone aggregate patio poured including wrought iron fencing around. With the support of Grosse Pointe Park, they replaced the front sidewalk as well and added curbs to the street for parking.

Their team was able to accomplish everything they wanted, giving the neighborhood a much-needed upgrade, giving them the opportunity to grow and serve the community and keeping intact an historical building. As a result of their efforts and dedication to the community, they were presented with a Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Award.

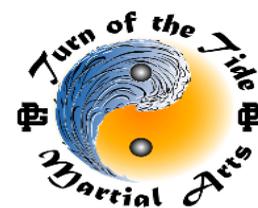


Pictured above from left to right: Contractor Jeff Russell, Manager Erin Wilde and owner Sonny Mio accepting the KMB award in Lansing. Not pictured are co-owners Jake and Neil Mio.



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 Monday, September 2. Payment is due at signup and is non-refundable. (Registration before this date is not allowed.) For more information and to register online, visit the City website at: 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 8th Gup Purple Belt.

Karate Class Schedule

Session II: (No classes Thanksgiving week)

Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16, Jan. 6, 13, 27

- Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Little Dragons
- Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Advanced Karate
- Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Traditional Weapons

**Note: No class on January 20*

Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

- Tuesdays - 4:30 p.m. Mighty Vipers
- Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors

Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

- Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Tiny Turtles
- Wednesday - 5:15 p.m. Little Dragons

Nov. 21, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30

- 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 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

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 1, 2020
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All testing dates will be announced in the next Communicator.

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 now 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.

Holiday Membership Special!

Looking for a great place to work out this winter? Come see us at the Lavins Activity Center! We're close to home and we've got what you need to stay fit over the toughest months of the year – the Holidays!

Starting November 1 through January 31 we're offering a 25% discount to all NEW annual Meade Fitness Center members and returning members who have not had a membership with us in the last 12 months. Also, any current member who refers a friend for a new membership (Quarterly or Annual) will receive one free month on their current membership! Come take advantage of these great Happy "Healthy" Holiday Specials!!

Pickleball Continues

Come join in the fun of Pickleball! The Monday and Wednesday Drop-In schedule will continue all through the winter months and will also include "Pickling with Pat" lessons! See below:

Regular \$5 Drop-In Schedule:

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

Pickling with Pat \$25 Per Session

November 13 through December 4

Beginners	Wednesday Evenings 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Enhanced	Wednesday Afternoons 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Membership Prices

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

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

Afternoon Out Is Back!

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.

November 20	The Wizard of Oz - 1939 (1 hr. 45 min.)
December 4	Meet Me In St. Louis - 1944 (2 hrs.)
December 18	Love Actually - 2003 (2 hrs. 15 min.)
January 8	Lady Sings the Blues - 1972 (2 hrs. 24 min.)
January 22	New York, New York - 1977 (2 hrs. 30 min.)
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

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 90 minute 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.

Tuesdays	1:00 p.m. (December 3, 10, 17)
Thursdays	7:00 p.m. (December 5, 12, 19)
Single Session	\$15
3 Session Prepay	\$40
6 Session Prepay	\$80
Tuesdays	1:00 p.m. (January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11)
Thursdays	7:00 p.m. (January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13)
Single Session	\$15
6 Session Prepay	\$80
12 Session Prepay	\$150

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots is a developmentally based gross motor skills class designed for children 18-36 months old taught by Suzanne Piepszowski. 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 II:	6 Weeks \$55.00 Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17
Session III:	6 Weeks \$55.00 (Sign-up starts Tues., December 24) Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11

Wellness Tips & Treats For The Holidays: A Guide To Thriving During Celebration Season

The holidays are the time of year where the goals we're working on and the ones we've worked so hard to achieve can easily fall by the wayside. With the upswing of social events and gatherings, the daily habits that hold so much value to our well-being can slip through the cracks. With the help of some tips, hacks and recipe demos, you can head into the holidays with a fresh outlook and some new tools under your belt.

Join Wellness Coach Stephanie Popso for a fun and interactive evening of empowering wellness information paired with three tasty and healthy recipe demos. Leave with some great new ideas for the holidays and a game plan to stay inspired throughout the most tempting time of year. Stephanie will also have copies of her Empowered Life Planners available for purchase.

November 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Fee: \$30

Bring a notebook.

Gongfu Cha: Journey through the Ancient Chinese Tradition of Tea

Experience gongfu cha, the ancient Chinese tradition of serving tea taught by Jonathan Itchon, Holistic Wellness Guide on Tuesday, December 10 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Class fee \$25. This artful practice of enjoying tea allows one to experience the many layers and dimensions of tea that would otherwise go unnoticed. Featuring 3 different teas, take a unique journey through the flavors, aromas, sensations and spirit of tea. A must for tea lovers!



Pipsqueaks P.E.

Pipsqueaks P.E. is a class for children 3-6 years old who are ready to move, dance and play independently from their parents taught by Suzanne Piepszowski. 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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Session III:	6 Weeks \$55.00 (Sign-up starts Wed., December 24) Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11

Skate Swap

It's time to dust off your old ice skates, or those gently used skates that your kids have outgrown, and bring them to the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park for the Skate Swap! We will be accepting skates from now until Sunday, December 1.

Tags will be provided for each pair of skates. If your skates are not purchased at the swap and you are not present, we can either return them to you or donate them. If they are purchased, you will be sent the check. If you are present, you can accept the check yourself. **All purchases must be made by check or cash. If more than one pair of skates is purchased, be prepared to write a separate check for each pair.**

The Skate Swap will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2 inside the Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park. Arrive promptly to get the best selection.

**-NO SKATES WILL BE ACCEPTED
THE DAY OF THE SWAP-**

Ice Rink Information

Weather permitting, the Hutton Ice Rink typically opens around Thanksgiving. You can call Patterson Park at 822-1681 for rink updates. Skating hours are from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Skaters are asked to stay to one side of the rink (parking lot side) while skating classes are being conducted on Tuesdays. Coffee, hot chocolate and snacks may be purchased at the Lodge. Lodge attendants are present Monday - Friday from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from Noon - 8:00 p.m.

Rink Rules:

- No hockey, food, beverages or rough play allowed on the rink.
- Only skates are allowed on the ice (no shoes or boots).

Pickleball Court Donation

The City of Grosse Pointe Park held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 17 at Matthew C. Patterson Park for the new pickleball courts.

Thank you to the following residents for their generous donations to the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation:

William and Pam Yates
David and Julie Breen
Michael Shields
Frank and Denise Mullen
William and Kathy Mestdagh
John and Kim Francis
Daniel and Connie Blake
John and Sharon Chouinard
Giuseppe and Paola Palazzolo
Ronald and Elisa Cornell

A special thank you to William and Pam Yates for initiating this park project and Frank and Denise Mullen for hosting the cocktail social at their home following the ceremony.

Skating Lessons

Classes are \$45 for five 30 minute classes offered on Tuesdays. Sign up early since class sizes are limited for more individual attention. All skaters must have single bladed skates and proper outdoor winter attire. **Helmets are required for children in all skating lessons. Classes are taught by Sharron Nelson & Christine Oster. We will be using the "Remind" App to inform our participants of cancellations.**

Tuesday Classes

Session I December 3, 10, 17, January 7, 14
Session II January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18

Snowplow Beginners - Ages 3-6 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. (10 Skaters Max.)
Getting comfortable on the ice for the first time!

Basic Skills Skaters - Ages 7-10 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. (15 Skaters Max.)
Must be comfortable with the basic forward and backward glide, snow plow stop, rocking horse, dip, getting up, swizzles, jumping and marching.

ALL MAKE-UP DAYS WILL BE ON THURSDAYS

Marina Notes

Dates to Remember:

November 1, 2019	2020 Deposit Payments Due
November 15, 2019	Marina Closes
March 15, 2020	Balance on Boat Wells Due
April 15, 2020	Marina Opens



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



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, January 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Pasta

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. Tickets sell out quickly, so make your reservations early!

Lunch With Santa

Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children of Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, December 7 at the Tompkins Community Center. Santa will be here all afternoon, so we have scheduled three different times for lunch. The children will create a Christmas craft, visit with Santa and receive a small gift bag from Santa. Children can also take a ride on Santa’s sleigh!

In order for each child to have an intimate experience with Santa Claus, we can only accommodate 35 children per lunch time. Lunch times are: **10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Lunch will consist of pizza, bread sticks, cookies, juice (coffee available for adults) and, of course, a candy cane from Santa!

Reservations will start November 1 and will be taken until November 30 or until capacity is reached. Price per child is \$10 and \$5 per attending adult. Please make your reservations early at the Parks & Recreation Office at Windmill Pointe Park. Parents, please bring your cameras to take photos of this momentous occasion!



2020 Chilly Fest!

Come join us on Saturday, January 25 from noon until 4:00 p.m. for the 2020 Chilly Fest for lots of indoor and outdoor fun! The event will take place at both Windmill Pointe Park and Patterson Park with a \$5 entry fee allowing access to both Parks.

Events will include our 4th Annual Chili Cookoff, inflatables, S’mores station, four wheel saucer rides, face painting, arcade games, balloon artist, costumed characters, skating performances (1:00 p.m.) and animal rides. Chair massages and nail services will be available in the McKeever Lounge. The Park Café will be on hand for a quick bite to eat in the Tompkins Center.

The K-Line Trolley will run to and from Patterson Park for skaters and those who wish to just ride the K-Line Trolley!



Park Market Harvest Fest

The Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 20th ended our 2019 season with a bang! The City and the Park Market staff would like to extend a generous thank you to everyone who supported the Market this season. New vendors, family events and our loyal patrons, all helped to make our 2019 Market season awesome!

Snow Removal

Winter is around the corner and that means snow will be falling throughout Grosse Pointe Park. Residents can help make the streets and sidewalks safer by following a few rules from the Department of Public Works:

At what point does the City take action to plow?

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

Sidewalks 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 herein 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). 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.

Snow Removal by Contractor

The contractor is required to push the snow back onto the homeowner's property and not the neighbor's property. The City receives multiple complaints from adjacent property owners regarding where snow is placed. Please ask your contractor to be mindful of surrounding properties when they are plowing. If your contractor moves snow down your driveway and across the street, please make sure the mound of snow is completely out of the street and not blocking a neighbor's driveway or concealing a fire hydrant. The Public Safety Department will issue tickets to contractors who violate this policy.

How can I help?

- Reduce your speed while driving when roads are slick with ice and snow
- DO NOT follow too closely behind snow removal equipment
- Remind children NOT to play in or near snow piles by the roadway
- Avoid parking on streets during heavy snowfall
- DO NOT shovel or plow snow onto the street

Does the State of Michigan have a law regarding snow removal?

Yes. Michigan Vehicle Code Act 300 of 1949, 257.677a Obstruction of safety vision by removal or deposit of snow, ice or slush prohibited. A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway.

Calendar Highlights

Pertinent dates & events coming up in our City.

November 5 Election Day

Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

November 11 Veterans Day

City Offices Closed

November 28 Thanksgiving Day

Windmill Pointe Park Closed

Patterson Park Open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

November 28 & 29 Thanksgiving Holiday

City Offices Closed

November 30 Winter Social

Between Maryland and Lakepointe

4:00 - 11:00 p.m.

December 2 Skate Swap

Patterson Park Lindell Lodge 6:00 p.m.

December 7 Lunch with Santa

Tompkins Community Center

December 18 Lavins Activity Center will

close at 5:00 p.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve

City Offices Closed

Lavins Activity Center Open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

December 25 Christmas Holiday

City Offices Closed

Lavins Activity Center Closed

December 26 Lavins Activity Center

Open at Noon

December 31 New Years Eve

City Offices Closed

Lavins Activity Center open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

January 1 New Year's Day

City Offices Closed

Lavins Activity Center open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

January 25 Chilly-Fest Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Windmill Pointe Park (Trolley Ride to Patterson)

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation

Would like to thank Dr. Clark Okulski for hosting our very successful 2019 Party In The Park. In addition, we are very grateful to all of you that donated to the Foundation and we would like to recognize our sponsors.

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Taste of Grosse Pointe

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation continues its fundraising efforts to provide future enhancements to benefit all residents in the community. As a thank you to all contributing Foundation members, the Foundation is presenting its annual “Taste of Grosse Pointe” event at the Tompkins Community Center on Tuesday, December 3 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. A variety of food, desserts and wine will be served.

If you would like to obtain more information on joining the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, or have an established business and would like to donate food for the Taste of Grosse Pointe to promote your business, please contact Alison LaCrosse at (313) 822-4379 or Courtney Delmege at (313) 822-4347.

Holiday Reminder from the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission will again be looking for outdoor winter holiday decorations from December through the first week of January. Be sure to leave your lights on! Addresses clearly visible from the street are appreciated.

K-Line Trolley Holiday Light Tour

Experience the decorations and lights of our community and the neighboring Grosse Pointes from the K-Line Trolley! It's a perfect family event to enhance your excitement for the Holiday Season. Arrive and depart from the Patterson Park Parking Lot.

Time: The K-Line Trolley tour arrival time is 6:15 p.m. The Trolley leaves promptly at 6:30 p.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m.

Days: Monday, December 9, Tuesday, December 10, Wednesday, December 11, and Thursday, December 12.

Tickets: \$10.00 each. Due to high demand, ONLY 6 tickets may be purchased per family. Register and pay at the main counter at Grosse Pointe Park's City Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Notice to Tenants & Business Owners

Beginning November 15, 2019, tenants and business owners can apply for their 2020 Park Passes. As a reminder, the Park Pass season begins January 1, 2020 and ends December 31, 2020.

Current NON-HOMEOWNER Park Passes expire December 31, 2019. PLEASE NOTE: In order for tenants to receive Park Passes, the landlord must verify tenancy, have a valid rental Certificate of Occupancy and a 2020 Landlord Business License. When applying for passes, please list ONLY those residents residing at the address. Proof of residency (Michigan Drivers License or I.D.) is required for any family member age 24 or older who is not the homeowner. Business Owners are required to have a valid 2020 Business License and Commercial Certificate of Occupancy.

Landlords should have a Landlord Verification Form on file with the City along with a Certificate of Occupancy Permit. Landlords must acquire a Certificate of Occupancy Inspection for the safety of all renters. As in most industries, laws and regulations change periodically, therefore retrofits and repairs must be made accordingly.

DTE Gas Main Renewal Project



As you may have seen or been a part of, DTE and Infrasource have been in Grosse Pointe Park since the winter of 2018 installing new gas mains including service lines and meters to your home. Phase 1 of the project which includes Balfour- Cadieux North and South is scheduled for service and restoration completion by November 15. DTE will continue their work on completing the gas mains this winter on Jefferson and Mack and restart local streets in the Spring of 2020 from Somerset-Westchester to Wayburn-Barrington. Please watch your mail for notification from DTE and look to the City website for updates on locations. If you plan on being out of town for a long period of time in the spring and or summer of 2020, please notify the City and or DTE.

Election Calendar

November 1 - Last day absentee ballot can be mailed from City Hall at 2:00 p.m. (City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

November 2 – Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and ballot does not need to be cast at City Hall.

November 4 - Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.

November 5 - General Election. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance until 4:00 p.m.

Questions? Please contact Deputy Clerk Donna Costa at 822-4380 or costadm@grossepointepark.org. To print out a Voter Registration form and/or Absentee Ballot Application, go to www.grossepointepark.org under “City Clerk”, “Voting”.

Curbside Leaf Pick-Up

Curbside leaf pick-up will continue until December 13, 2019 (weather permitting). Please rake your leaves close to the curb, but keep in mind not to impede roadway traffic. The City website and Facebook page will provide weekly updates on what streets are to be done. Please be advised that due to possible equipment breakdowns and weather, the schedule could be delayed once posted. Once the truck has been on your street, the approximate turnaround time will be two weeks. If you have a contractor collecting leaves, they are responsible for the removal of leaves from the homeowner's property.

Code Enforcement Letter

To all residents, tenants and homeowners of homes with alley access, this is to clarify and reiterate the City Code and requirements of matters pertaining to alley maintenance and as a response to numerous citizen concerns.

The residents are responsible for keeping the alley clear of weeds and overgrowth, including any growth from backyards protruding into the alley easement (see City Code Sections 24-10 and 302.4). All plants, weeds and trees abutting the alley are on private property. This will be enforced for health and safety concerns.

Trash and recycle bins must be kept on your property. The alley is NOT to be used for trash and recycle storage. All trash bins must have lids to prevent rodent activity. You are not allowed to put trash and recycling out for pick up until 6:00 p.m. the night before pick up, and bins must be brought back onto your property by the end of the day of pick up (see City Code Section 12-6).

Any containers found in the alley will be stickered one time only with a warning. Any violation found after the first warning will be assessed a \$25.00 fine for each time the containers are not removed from the alley. This enforcement starts upon receipt of this letter. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call (313)-822-5100.

Voter Information

Precinct 1 & 2	Trombly Elementary School 820 Beaconsfield
Precinct 3	Municipal Building 15115 E. Jefferson Ave.
Precinct 4 & 7	Pierce Middle School 15430 Kercheval
Precinct 5 & 6	Defer Elementary School 15425 Kercheval

Reminder: New voters and voters wishing to receive an absentee ballot must register in person at City Hall or any Michigan Secretary Of State office.

Note: We are always in need of election inspectors to help with elections. All election inspectors are paid for their time. If you are interested, please contact Donna Costa at (313) 822-4380.