The West Park Farmers’ Market began it’s second year of operation on Saturday, May 7. This open air venue will be open each Saturday during the summer with new business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and continue until September 24. The market is located on Kercheval Avenue between Nottingham and Wayburn.

“Many new vendors will be offering a larger variety of goods, especially early in the year”, according to Jennifer Meldrum, who will continue as Market Manager, a position she held successfully in 2004. Some of the items that will be available this year are Pete & Franks produce, Johnny B’s Cookies, cakes, sauces, salad dressings, Maple Creek Farms organic heirloom plants, tomatoes, peppers, and herbs. Also, jewelry, candles, wreaths and hanging baskets are available.

Matt Bodde, golf pro, will have a mini pro-shop with clubs, apparel and gifts. The market will clearly offer something for everyone all summer.

**Frogs-Fur-Friends**

The City of Grosse Pointe Park has sponsored 2 Frogs-Fur-Friends for the summer. You will notice our frogs hopping up after June 7th. One will be Fruity the Frog and will be placed on Kercheval Avenue to tie in with our West Park Farmers’ Market. Fruity is painted with fruits and vegetables, and looks so good you could eat him. Freestyle Frieda is our second frog. She is painted up in her swimming trunks, goggles and flippers and is ready for the summer! Freestyle Frieda will be on display at Windmill Pointe Park by the outside gatehouse.

Aside from our frogs there are 48 other themed frogs that will be on display throughout the Grosse Pointes until the end of September. Susan Capizzo was the artist for our frogs.

Fruity the Frog is pictured at right.

**Childrens Concert**

Songsister Julie Austin will perform for the children of Grosse Pointe Park, at Noon after the last day of Session II on Friday, July 22 at Windmill Pointe Park. Parents, be sure to pack a picnic and stay from Noon - 1:00 p.m. for this hour of children’s fun.

**SUMMER REGISTRATION**

Registration for water activities, tennis lessons and knapsackers will be on Saturday, June 4, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and Sunday, June 5, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Windmill Pointe Park. Residents must come to Windmill Pointe Park to register for classes with their park pass. *(You may only sign up for one session of classes during the June 4 and June 5 sign up days.)* Sign up for additional classes will be at Windmill Pointe Park on Saturday, July 7 and Saturday, July 23 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon if vacancies exist. Once the sessions are in full swing, please call the Pool Supervisor, Rochelle Zaranek, at 822-2812 ext 303 if you have any questions regarding future swim vacancies.

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**Session I - June 20 to July 1**  |  **Session II - July 11 to July 22**  |  **Session III - August 1 to August 12**
General Park Rules
No dogs are allowed in the parks unless going on a boat, in which case the dog must be on a leash.
No loud music.
No rollerblading permitted in the parks.
No open fires.
No liquor (beer in cans is permitted to those of age)
Fishing is permitted only off main pier on lake side.
No swimming is permitted in the lake or marina.
No bicycles on the boardwalk at Patterson Park.

CITY PHONE NUMBERS
911 - EMERGENCIES ONLY
Municipal Offices-Automated Telephone System:
Main Number: 313-822-6200
0 - For the operator
1 - Public Services, 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
Voting & Elections: 313-822-4380
Tax Information: 313-822-4267
Building Inspector: 313-822-4368
Water Billing: 313-822-7650
Municipal Court: 313-822-3535
City Forester: 313-822-6200 (ext. 271)

Parks & Recreation
313-822-2812
Okulski Theatre Information Press 1
Lavins Activity Center Press 2
Park Office / Tompkins Center Press 3
Inside Gate / Harbormaster Press 4
Pool Office Press 5
Outside Gate / Windmill Pte. 822-5155
Patterson Park Gatehouse 822-1681

2005 PARK PASS UPDATE
If you rent your property, your pass will expire on June 15, 2005. Applications will be available in the Public Service Department to complete for renewal beginning May 1, 2005. Prior to issuing any 2005 renters passes, all landlords will be asked to verify residency of all tenants residing in their properties. NO RENTERS PASSES WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT THIS VERIFICATION.

Last year's guest card is valid until completely exhausted. A replacement may be obtained in the Public Service Dept. Your old card must be presented to receive a new one. There is no charge for this service.

Homeowners residing at the same address as 2004 are not required to renew their individual passes. These passes are valid as long as you remain at the same address. The same rule applies to their guest card as renters.

New residents can apply for park passes in the Public Service Department.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Telephone: 313-822-4365

PLEASE NOTE: Driver's licenses and other forms of identification will not be accepted for entrance to the parks after June 15. Be certain that you and your family have valid park passes for 2005.
**SUMMER IN THE PARKS - 2005**

**FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR**

We in Grosse Pointe Park have 2 beautiful parks for resident enjoyment. Our Public Service Department issues FREE passes for residents so you can enjoy everything the parks have to offer year round!

All we ask of residents, is for everyone to bring and display their park pass to the gate staff when entering. That’s it!

We even have FREE Grosse Pointe Park lanyards available at the gatehouses for you to put your park pass on, which is very handy if you bike, jog or walk to the parks.

Please display your pass and if you have non-resident guests with you, please have your guest pass available so that they may enjoy the parks as well.

These park passes are your ticket to movies, exercising, boating, swimming, tennis, picnicking, playing or just relaxing in the parks!

Have a wonderful summer,

Terry Solomon

**OUR PARKS**

Grosse Pointe Park has two beautiful lake front parks. Outdoor activities change with the season, but many of the indoor activities continue throughout the year.

**Patterson Park** is located at the foot of Three Mile Drive and Essex and **Windmill Pointe Park** is located at Barrington and Windmill Pointe Drive. Admission to the parks is limited to Park residents and their guests. Residents are reminded that park passes will be checked year round at both parks so keep your passes handy.

The Lavins Activity Center will also be open year round for classes, work outs, and movies at the Okulski Theater.

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**NEW PICNIC PERMIT PROCEDURES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

We are currently taking 2005 picnic reservations. Any resident wishing to host a picnic either at Windmill Pointe Park or Patterson Park must call the Parks and Recreation Office at 822-2812 ext. 201 or come into the Park Office Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Patterson Park**: Total of 100 non-residents per day. Residents can bring in up to 25 non-residents per permit.

**Windmill Pointe Park**: Total of 75 non-residents per day. Residents can bring in up to 25 non-residents per permit.

Schools located in the City of Grosse Pointe Park can exceed this limit for class picnics. *(When the park limits are met, no more permit applications can be issued. This insures residents the opportunity to picnic without the parks being over utilized.)*

Residents are allowed 2 picnic permits per year. Families may use their guest pass and bring in up to 6 non-residents on week-ends and holidays.

**An alphabetized list of non-residents must be submitted to the park office 1 week prior to picnic.** Children under the age of 7 do not need to be listed.

**PERMIT WILL NOT BE VALIDATED UNTIL A GUEST LIST IS RECEIVED.**

Guests will not be admitted unless they are on the list.

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The **Tompkins Community Center** is located at Windmill Pointe Park. The Center’s main function is to host parties. The Center’s capacity is 129 people, and can comfortably seat 100 people. It is available for Park residents to rent for various family functions.

Rental rates for 2005 are:

- Monday - Thursday (daytime or evening function) $200
- Fri., Sat., & Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. $300
- Wedding Receptions $500
- Monday - Thursday hourly rate (up to 3 hours maximum) $50 per hour

Office hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday and the office door is located on the lake side of the Tompkins Community Center.

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**CONCESSION STAND OPENS SATURDAY, MAY 28**

Marty Peters & his staff will be anxious to serve you from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm with many new menu items and a desire to satisfy your palate & your pocketbook.

From egg & cheese bagel/muffins to chicken tenders, nachos, smoothies or cappuccino coffee...a taste for all ages.

Marty will also be offering boater carry-outs and catering services for large groups. Stop by for a bite!
**Parks & Recreation**

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### Pool News

#### Pool Hours

All patrons must take a soapy shower before entering the pool according to state law.

The pools and splashpad open on **Saturday May 28, 2005.**

**Patterson Park Splash Pad**
- **10:00 a.m. - Dusk**

**Windmill Pointe Park Olympic Pool**
- **7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Windmill Pointe Park Wading Pool**
- **9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

#### Special Requirements

All infants, toddlers and children who are not completely toilet trained must only use the pool facilities with the necessary protection. Cloth diapers with tightly fitted plastic pants or disposable swimming diapers are required for such young people. Regular disposable diapers are not allowed. If you have forgotten the appropriate protection for your child, the pool office normally has swimming diapers on hand for your convenience.

#### Pool Closings

The Olympic pool at Windmill Pointe Park will be closed from 10:00 a.m.-Noon for swim lessons. All patrons are asked to leave the deck during swim instruction since the entire pool is utilized during lessons.

Please note the Olympic pool will also be closed:

- **Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
- **RELAY MEET**
- **Wednesday, July 6 from 4:00 p.m. - end of meet**
- **HOME SWIM MEET**
- **Wednesday, July 20 from 4:00 p.m. - end of meet**
- **HOME SWIM MEET**
- **Wednesday, August 3 from 5:00 p.m. - end of meet**
- **TOP GUARD COMPETITION**

#### Lap Swimming

Early morning lap swim will begin on Tuesday, June 21. We will open the pool at 6:00 a.m. twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays providing we get at least 15 participants. Please sign up in the lifeguard station with a head lifeguard or the pool supervisor after Memorial Weekend.

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### Lesson Time at the Pool

Swimming lessons are taught outdoors in a heated pool. Instruction will take place no matter what the temperature is outside. We will close the pool for lessons if we are under a weather advisory or if lightning has been spotted. No lessons will be made up. Refunds will not be granted after the second day of class.

#### When are Swimming Lessons Scheduled?

**Dates:**

- **Session I:** Monday-Friday June 20 - July 1
- **Session II:** Monday-Friday July 11 - July 22
- **Session III:** Monday-Friday August 1 - August 12

#### What Level Should My Child Be In?

**PARENT/TOT – $20.00**

Parents and children, 6 months – 3 years old, will work as a team with direction from an instructor to learn to enjoy the water environment exploring basic supported swimming skills through games, songs, and activities.

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

**3-4 YR. OLD PRESCHOOL – $20.00 (maximum 25 children)**

For children 3 & 4 yrs. old, who can understand and follow directions. Held in the wading pool. Goal is to get children acquainted with the water. Fun, games, and water play.

**Monday – Friday 11:30 - Noon**

**LEVEL I – Intro. To Water Skills - $20.00**

For children 4 - 6 yrs. old, who will work on water adjustment and introductory swimming skills with the support of the instructors.

**Monday – Friday 10:30 - 10:55 a.m.**

**LEVEL II – Fundamental Aquatic Skills - $40.00**

Children should have skills from Level I including bubble blowing, front & back float with support, with or without kicking and alternating arm action.

**Monday – Friday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**LEVEL III – Stroke Development – $40.00**

Students should have passed Level II skills which include submerging and retrieving an object, bobbing, flutter kick on front and back, front crawl (5 yds.), back crawl (5 yds.), and turning over.

**Monday – Friday 11:00 - 11:55 a.m.**

**LEVEL IV – Stroke Improvement – $40.00**

Students should have passed Level III skills including jumping into deep water, pre-dives, front crawl with breathing (15 yds.), back crawl (10 yds.), and treading water.

**Monday – Friday 11:00 - 11:55 a.m.**

**LEVEL V – Skill Refinement – $40.00**

Students should have passed Level IV, which includes elementary back stroke (15 yds.), front crawl with rotary breathing (25 yds.), back crawl (25 yds.), breaststroke (15 yds.), scissors kick (10 yds.), treading water (1 min.) and compact or stride position front dive.

**Monday – Friday 10:00 - 10:55 a.m.**

**LEVEL VI – Personal Water Safety – $40.00** (Session II & III only)

Students must perform self rescue techniques while clothed, swim while clothed, know basic safety for open water and safety rules for boating.

**Monday - Friday 10:00 - 10:55 a.m.**

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Additional registration for Session II swim lessons is on Sat. July 7, 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Windmill Pointe Park.

Additional registration for Session III swim lessons is on Sat. July 23, 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Windmill Pointe Park.
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**Diving into Summer**

**Beginning Diving - $40**
Monday - Friday  10:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
Students will increase their ability and technique with basic springboard primary dives. Skills include stance, steps, hurdle, front and back dives.

**Intermediate Diving - $40**
Monday - Friday  11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.
Students will develop advanced springboard diving skills and techniques.

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**Classes & other Activities at the Pool**

**Water Aerobics**
This class will be taught in the shallow end of the Olympic pool, is open to all ages and offered both in the morning and in the evening. Our instructor, Beverly Ruskus, will incorporate aerobics with water walking routines. A minimum of 10 participants will be required for this class to run.

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.
1st session: June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 July 5, 7, 12, 14
2nd session: July 19, 21, 26, 28 Aug. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25
12 classes for $60. Sign up for two classes, either morning or evening and save $10. $110 for the entire summer.

**Scuba Diving Class - $235.00**
Scuba diving instruction will be offered to participants 10 years or older. This course is a PADI certified SCUBA diving lesson. The cost covers instruction, pool training and SCUBA equipment. Sign up at registration on Sat. June 4 from 9 - 11:30 am. For your convenience, the instructor Joe Kulka, will contact you individually to work out dates and times of instruction.

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**Top Guard Competition**
The 5 Grosse Pointe’s will send thier top 4 lifeguards to compete in the Top Guard Competition on Wed. Aug. 3 at 5:00 pm at Windmill Pointe Park. The pool will be closed for this fun, competitive competition. Mark your calendars to come down and cheer on the Park guards!

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**Synchronized Swim Team**

**Team Fee: $40.00**

**Practice Schedule**

June 20 – July 14  Monday – Friday  2:00 –3:00 p.m.  Windmill Pointe Pool

No practice on Monday July 4.
Swimmers must have passed Level 3 or have attained Level 3 skills.

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**Synchronized Swim Performances**
Friday, July 15, 2005
12:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

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**Swim Team News**
The swim team is open to all residents 17 and under. Competitive meets are held with neighboring Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

**Parents Meeting and Tryouts**
Sunday, June 5, is a big day. A parents meeting is scheduled from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and then tryouts will be held from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Olympic pool.

If you have not registered or purchased a suit from Different Strokes, you may do so on the pool deck at this time.

Tryouts will determine which team (A, B, C, or D) the swimmer will be on. Every team member must be able to swim a competitive stroke for 25 yards in the deep end of the pool.

**Sign up and Payment**
You will need to make out two checks for payment. For one swimmer, a check can be made out to the Mutant Swim Team for $40 and a second check to GPP for $20.

For two swimmers, a check for $56 to the Mutant Swim Team and a second check to GPP for $40.

For three swimmers, a check for $72 to the Mutant Swim Team and a second check to GPP for $50.

Visit the Mutants Web page at www.grossepointepark.org and click on Parks & Recreation for information and forms.

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**Meet Schedule**

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The Lavins Activity Center is designed to accommodate residents of different ages and interests. Here are some highlights:

- **Gym Rentals**: Available for various activities, including yoga, exercise classes, and martial arts. The fee is $175 for a half-hour rental, with an additional charge of $50 for each additional hour.

- **Movie Theatre Rental**: Available for up to 35 people with a fee of $320. Limited activities are offered, with fees ranging from $50 to $100.

- **Meade Fitness Center**: Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center, offering well-equipped gymnasiums for strength and cardio training.

**Activity Schedule**

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**: 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. - Strength training
- **Tuesday, Thursday**: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Strongwoman, fitness strength training, and dance conditioning.
- **Monday**: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Power Yoga

**Additional Information**

- **Yoga**: $120 per month, $50 for 5 classes.
- **Judo**: $120 per month, $50 for 5 classes.
- **Tae Kwon Do**: $120 per month, $50 for 5 classes.
- **Pilates**: $120 per month, $50 for 5 classes.

**Contact Information**

- **For reservations or inquiries**: call 822-2812 or visit www.lavinsact.com.
- **For more information**: visit the Lavins Activity Center for Event Dates and additional future student event planning information.
**Summer Programs & Events**

**KNAPSACKERS - $60.00 PER CHILD**

Send your 3-6 year old child with a backpack and sack lunch to Windmill Pointe Park this summer for arts & crafts, games, stories, swimming and fun. There will be two groups, ages 3-4 and ages 5-6, with a maximum of 12 children per class. The groups will do some combined and some individual activities. Adult care workers supervise the Park Knapsackers. All children must be toilet trained. You may only sign up for one session during registration on June 4. Handouts will be available and questions will be answered at this time. Arrangements have been made for rain dates.

The children will meet for Knapsackers at Patterson Park every Wednesday. In case of rain in the morning sessions, (on any day) classes will be held at the Tompkins Center from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY**

9:30-12:30 p.m. $60 per child, per session (includes t-shirt & photo)
1:30 -4:30 p.m. (Session I only)
Session I: June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30
Session II: July 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21
Session III: August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

**ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE - $50.00 TEAM**

You haven’t experienced outdoor fun if you haven’t played on one of our outdoor sand volleyball teams at Windmill Pointe Park. With the smell of barbecue in the air, the view of the brightly colored spinnakers sailing by and the sounds of summer, all contribute to the fun and distract from the overall game concentration.

Team applications will be available at the inside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park, May 16. Play begins the week of June 20 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

All applications are to be turned in by Sunday, June 12 at 11:00 p.m. at the inside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. The $50 team fee must be included with all applications. There will be two leagues again this year, Competitive and Recreational. Each team must determine which league to participate in and will remain in that league for the entire summer.

**52ND ANNUAL FISHING RODEO - $3.00 PER CHILD**

For all young anglers who are 15 and under, applications available at Windmill Pointe and the gatehouse at Patterson Park starting May 16 and due by June 13. Prizes, food and great fun will be available. Lunch will follow this event.

**SATURDAY** June 18 9:00-11:30 am $3.00 per child

**WINDMILL POINTE PARK TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

$20 for adults (up to 3 entries)

Open to all park tennis players of all abilities. Registration forms will be at Windmill and Patterson Park’s gatehouses starting May 21. The entry deadline is August 5. Doubles partners can be non-residents. Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday.


Events: Parent/Child, Women’s open, Men’s open, Women’s doubles, Men’s doubles and Mixed doubles.

Our tournament is run by our tennis instructors. It is a fun, friendly and competitive event for all levels of players.

**SUMMER GATHERING**

The Parks & Recreation staff will be at Patterson Park ready to entertain city residents at our “Summer Gathering” on Saturday, August 6 from 4:00-8:00 pm.

The day will bring something for everyone. Free hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream will be available. There will be entertainment, interactive games, a 68’ obstacle course, radar speed baseball toss, turbo trikes, face painting, the splash pad and much more! Parking will be limited so plan on walking, bicycling or roller-blading to this event.

If you are interested in helping out with this event or have questions please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 822-2812.

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**ON THE COURTS**

The Parks & Recreation Department offers tennis lessons to children age 5 and older. All tennis lessons will be at Windmill Pointe Park. Please bring a can of tennis balls on the first day of class.

**Class Descriptions**

All players will learn tennis rules and etiquette to use on the courts. Skills will be taught by incorporating games into lesson plans making it an overall fun experience while learning.

**BEGINNERS:** There is no concept of the game or stroke, although the student must be strong enough to hold a racquet. The first week is spent on teaching the stance, forhand and backhand strokes, serves and rules of the game.

**INTERMEDIATE:** A review of the strokes, serves and rules. Emphasis is placed on working on the game and improving the strokes.

**ADVANCED INTERMEDIATES:** The student is expected to know the game and have playing experience. More time is spent with strategy and perfection of the game.

**CHILDRENS CLASSES: $40.00 for 10 classes**

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**ADULT CLASSES: $20.00 for 4 classes**

Mon. & Wed. 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. All levels

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**RAIN POLICY**

Tennis - Lessons are taught outside. If it is raining when your child should be arriving for lessons, they will be cancelled because tennis cannot be taught when courts are slippery. No lessons will be made up.

**VISA/MASTERCARD USAGE**

The City of Grosse Pointe Park is now accepting Visa and Mastercards for your convenience in making payments. You can now make payments at City Hall for taxes and water bills and at Windmill Pointe Park for Lavins Center memberships, classes, boatwells and Tompkins Center Rentals. A convenience charge will be added to your credit card charge. For more information call the Parks & Recreation office at 822-2812.
Enjoy the Thrills of Racing, Boating and Summer fun with the Grosse Pointe Sail Club

Tuesday evening Sundown Races begin May 31

Skipper, first mate, race committee or spectator: Join in the excitement of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club sponsored “Tuesday night Sundown Race Series”. These races start and finish off the Windmill Pointe Park Marina main pier. The first gun is at 6:55 p.m. Usually 50-70 sailboats participate each Tuesday night. Spectators are always welcome. The racing is open to all sailboats. Membership in the GPSC is not required to participate. There are three race series; Spring, Summer and Fall, plus a summer Regatta— Race all or just a few and join in the after race festivities.

The Spring Series races begin Tuesday, May 31 and continue every Tuesday through July 5.

The Summer Series races begin Tuesday, July 12 and run through August 30 (no races on July 19 and 26).

Saturday, July 9 GPSC Annual Regatta

We invite local residents and all Windmill Pointe Park well holders to join us at the after-the-race Awards Party held at the Tompkins Center from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Beginning around 5:00 p.m. delicious buffet food will be served up by All Seasons Catering and the $8.00 charge includes beverages. Hot dogs will also be served (for a lesser fee). Come, mingle and enjoy meeting our club members and the racing sailors.

Membership is Easy

Power boat, Sailboat, no boat; all are welcome. The only requirement is a love for boating and the water. Please contact Peter D’Angelo at 313-823-2671 to learn how easy it is to join this great group or visit us at the complimentary Sail Club pancake breakfast on May 30.

Kick off this boating season with a Pancake Breakfast, Skipper’s Meeting and Fleet Blessing on May 30

Pancake Breakfast, May 30, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The GPSC will provide a complimentary breakfast in the Tompkins Community Center for those interested in membership and for the all the marina well holders who would like some nourishment before the Skipper’s meeting.

Marina Skipper’s Meeting, 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Parks and Recreation Department is having a Skipper’s Meeting for all 2005 boat well holders in the Tompkins Community Center following the Pancake Breakfast.

Fleet Blessing, May 30 – Noon

All Windmill Pointe boat well holders are invited to participate in the annual Blessing of the Fleet, which will be held immediately after the Skipper’s Meeting. All participating boats will gather just down-river from the harbor entrance and then sequentially parade up-river past the marina entrance and the flag pole for a 10 gauge salute from the Grosse Pointe Sail Club’s cannon and at the same time receive a blessing from our club Chaplain.

“Sail for Life” Blood Drive

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club (GPSC) is well known for its sportsmanship and its camaraderie. This year, under the governance of Commodore Glory Schappe and her Bridge, the GPSC, in conjunction with the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, is sponsoring a blood donation drive. On July 5, 2005 the Sail for Life Regatta will be held in the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. The blood donation stations will be set up from 2-7 pm. This will be a “dry regatta” with the participants staying ashore. The competition for the most donations accrued in any one boat’s name will be intense. Competitors will consist of all boats that race in any of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club’s sailing events during the year. Crews of sailing vessels, power boaters, friends and the community at large are asked to donate blood in the name of a boat or a person. A tally will be kept and the winning boat or person will be awarded First, Second and Third place flags at the July 9, 2005 GPSC Regatta. Since the blood collection date is on the day of a racing event and is also during the July Fourth celebrations, we will accept blood donations made at any Red Cross Donation Center the week preceding. In addition, we would gladly accept cash donations to the Michigan Red Cross as “counters” for the competition. Registration forms will be made available.

This event is a memorial to club member Wally Solak, who fought a courageous battle against multiple myeloma, blood cancer. He underwent two stem cell transplants and was in complete remission when stricken with colon cancer. This Regatta remembers his love of life and sailing; therefore, we Sail for Life. In the future, there may be other memorials to people or causes or events, as appropriate. The Grosse Pointe Sail Club is proud to join the Southeastern Chapter of the Michigan Red Cross and its community to provide life saving help.
Recollecting

Put your bin, when full, at the curb or in the abutting alley by 7:00 a.m. on your weekly rubbish collection day or no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the preceding day.

Checklist for preparing recyclables

Items must be clean and uncontaminated. Dirty, improperly prepared or unacceptable materials will not be collected. Remove plastic tops and lids from containers and dispose of them with your regular rubbish.

Glass, tin cans, plastic number 1 and 2 only and aerosol cans may be placed together in the bin. Please rinse all recyclables and flatten cans and plastics if possible.

Segregate news print, glossy inserts and magazines. Tie in bundles or put them in brown grocery bags; place in the bin or alongside it when you set the bin at the curb.

Place AAA, AA, C, D and 9-volt batteries in a clear plastic bag and put in your recycling bin. Telephone books and cardboard are NOT collected. Local newspapers inform residents when and where to take old telephone directories during the annual collection period. Put cardboard out with your regular rubbish.

Garbage

It is the duty of every owner of every lot or property to keep their lot or property free of rubbish and debris. Grosse Pointe Park City Code Section 12-1 states suitable garbage and rubbish receptacles shall be provided and used by the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of the premises.

Containment of Refuse

Wettight metal or plastic containers equipped with tight fitting lids and handles sufficient to keep out water and to prevent disturbance by animals should be used. GARBAGE RECEPTACLES SHALL BE NO MORE THAN THIRTY-TWO (32) GALLON CAPACITY WITH A MAXIMUM OF 50 POUNDS COMBINED WEIGHT. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Toters with 80-gallon capacity can be purchased through the Public Service Department. No refuse container will be collected if the combined weight of the container and its contents exceeds 50 pounds except for mechanically handled containers (toters) or special pick-up items.

Refuse

Refuse is defined as animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of foods and all other organic matter subject to rapid decomposition, as well as cardboard, paper, cartons, boxes and ordinary wastes for residential and business establishments. It shall also include items too large for regular pick-up such as discarded furniture, appliances, toys, clothing and other similar materials. The Department of Public Works picks up the large items.

Concrete, brick pavers, stones, logs etc. are the homeowners responsibility.

Hazardous Waste

Hazardous wastes need to be disposed of properly. A hazardous waste product can be toxic, flammable, corrosive or react with other substances to create harmful fumes or explosions. These products are labeled with DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, CORROSIVE or FLAMMABLE on the container.

Yard Waste

Yard waste is defined as garden, lawn or tree trimmings, leaves and dead garden plants from the normal household. It shall not include rubbish from the work of a landscape gardener or private companies.

Containment of Yard Waste

All yard waste must be in decomposable brown paper bags or in 32 gallon containers (no lids) with handles, that have a green yard waste sticker on them.

If you choose to use containers, you may pick up stickers for them at the Public Service Department.

Containers can be no larger than 32 gallons. Toters are not acceptable yard waste containers.

Please do not place sticks, brush or weeds on top of your trash container. Improperly contained yard waste will be left at the curb.

Brush

Brush is described as tree and shrubbery trimmings not exceeding one inch in diameter. Brush shall be cut into 4 foot lengths and tied in bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter.

Do not mix brush with yard waste. Only grass clippings can be mixed with leaves at the curb.

Chipper Brush

Chipper brush is defined as tree and shrubbery trimmings, cuttings, branches and limbs exceeding one inch but not more than 5 inches in diameter with all stumps and roots removed for disposal by the chipper machine. Length shall be 6 - 8 ft. long.

Chipper brush will be chipped at the curb on or as close to your rubbish day as possible.

Building Materials

It shall be the duty of the owner, contractor or other person responsible for construction work to maintain the site clean and free of excess debris during construction and to remove excess material from the premises within a reasonable time after the completion of such construction work.

When can waste containers be put out?

Waste containers shall not be placed out at the curb line for collection prior to 6:00 p.m. preceding the day of collection.

Please have receptacles out by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. After receptacles are emptied, they shall be removed from the street on the same day that collections are made.

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

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**Editors Note:** The “Good Neighbor” column will return in the next issue of the Communicator.

**Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club**

The Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club extends an invitation to all Park residents to come down to the put-in at Patterson Park any Wednesday evening through September for an introduction to their exciting sport.

Local windsurfers gather at Patterson Park from 5:30 p.m. to sundown from May through September and look forward to welcoming new participants. If you don’t have a board you can come down and learn more by watching and talking to the participants, who can set you up with lessons if you like. If you have a board and have been sailing solo or trekking to other shores come on down and join the club. Besides weekly recreational sailing, club members participate in local and regional regattas and host their own Regatta at Patterson Park which will be on Saturday June 18th this year. The Regatta will feature races for novices, long boards and short boards and will feature a number of sponsors, gifts, and prizes for participants and attendees. Interested or prospective surfers should come down on Wednesday or contact Frank Murray for further information @ 331-2125 or murwind@aol.com

**Grosse Pointe Artists Association**

Located at 1005 Maryland (corner of Maryland and Jefferson Ave.) in Grosse Pointe Park.

“Experimental Painting” A show of current work by three members: Charmaine Kaptur, Elaine Schaitberger and Julia Strabel. Show runs now thru May 28. Open to the public.

“Fourth Friday Literature/Poetry Discussion Group” Speaker: Eric Bocktael. Introducing Phyllis Reeves, poet. Friday, May 27, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Open to the public. $5.00 at the door. Call for information: 313-821-1848.

**Do your part to protect the beauty of Lake St. Clair**

If you think it’s all right to occasionally allow pesticides, paint, oil, gasoline, pet waste, fertilizer or other household waste to enter city storm drains, think again. It’s harmful and, if that’s not enough to convince you, illegal too!

Pollutants that flow into the city storm sewers make their way into Lake St Clair where they can cause harm to plants, fish and the overall condition of our biggest asset.

The release of any pollutant into storm drains has a negative impact on the environment. There are some simple steps people can take to make sure it doesn’t happen.

These steps include:
- Make car repairs in areas where fluids will not flow into storm drains.
- Remove fertilizers from sidewalks and driveways.
- Keeping pest waste cleaned up.
- Taking household waste to proper disposal facilities.

**Fire Hydrant Maintenance**

The Grosse Pointe Park, Department of Public Safety will be flushing the fire hydrant system starting May 31.

- South of Jefferson (Cadieux to Barrington) May 31 - June 4.
- North of Jefferson (Cadieux to Wayburn) June 6 - June 11.

Small amounts of sediment may become dislodged giving your water a rusty appearance. If this occurs, run the water until it runs clear again.

**Meals on Wheels**

If you are interested in the Meals on Wheels program, please call Mary Rose Nelson @ 313-882-9600 ext. 246. There is no charge for the program. A suggested donation of $5.00 per meal helps to defray the cost of the program. Donations are kept confidential & are strictly voluntary.

**Spring is a good time to plant a tree**

Spring is an excellent season to plant most all species of trees. The cool weather is less stressful to a new tree than the heat of summer. Also, the soil is higher in moisture than in summer, encouraging roots to venture out into neighboring soil and getting established. Planting trees is simple, but it’s important to do it correctly. Here are a few golden rules when planting your tree.

First, make sure you pick the right species for the right spot. Don’t plant a large growing tree under utility wires. Also, avoid the temptation of planting too close to your house. Imagine the tree 25 years from now. Will future generations enjoy the fruit of your labor, or will it be a costly liability for them? Be careful of what might be underground too. Cable TV wires are usually not very deep and can be easily be severed by a shovel. If planting a large tree, call MISS DIG (1-800-482-7171). It’s a free service in which an inspector comes out and marks all underground utilities except cable TV.

Dig the hole 2 to 3 times as wide as the root ball. A major problem in our clay soil here in Grosse Pointe Park is “girdling roots”. A nice wide hole can help reduce the potential of the roots encircling, and choking the root ball. Don’t plant too deep. The root collar must be at or slightly above ground level or else the trunk of the tree could decay, killing the tree over several years. Use the same soil you dug out to plant the tree and give it a good soaking. Water the tree frequently until it gets established. Mulch the tree with woodchips, but don’t let the chips press directly against the trunk. The mulch will help retain moisture, moderate soil temperature and provide a physical barrier from weed whackers and other mechanical devices. Staking the tree is usually not necessary. If staking is required, make sure to remove the stakes next year.

Utilize your tree planting expertise this spring! On the back page of this Communicator is our Beautification Commission’s annual Tree Sale. The quality of the plant material is superb, and they are discounted priced for Park residents only. Of particular interest is the “Princeton” American elm, the only American elm cultivar with over seven decades of landscape proven tolerance to Dutch elm disease.

Brian Colter, City Forester, may be reached at 313-822-5020 or e-mail at arbor2000@aol.com

**Make sure you pick the right species for the right spot.**
ANNOUNCING GROSSE POINTE PARK
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION’S
2005 TREE SALE

Sale 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.

Japanese Tree Lilac (Syringa reticulata) Japanese tree lilac is tolerant of urban conditions, growing in poor, clay or alkaline soil. The gorgeous flowers are most showy and prolific when the tree is located in full sun. Containerized approx. 5’ tall.

Autumn Fantasy Maple (Acer rubrum) Red maple is one of the most popular trees in the Park. Green leaves in summer, turning bright red in fall. Fast Growing. A nice, large growing shade tree. Containerized approx. 8’ tall.

Weeping Cherry (Prunus) Attractive flowers. Weeping branching structure. Beautiful small ornamental. Containerized approx. 5’ tall.

Princeton American Elm (Ulmus americana) Highly resistant to Dutch elm disease. Grows very fast. Large growing tree with majestic vase-like crown at maturity. A breakthrough in the long fought battle to restore American elms to the USA. Containerized approx. 3’ tall.

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY NOON, FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Return to Brian Colter, City Forester, 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, together with your check and a SELF-ADDRESS, STAMPED ENVELOPE so you may be advised of tree pick-up dates. Don’t forget to include your phone number!

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

[Tree Lilac] @ $39.00 = [Price]

[Red Maple] @ $49.00 = [Price]

[Weeping Cherry] @ $59.00 = [Price]

[American Elm] @ $50.00 = [Price]

TOTAL = [Total Price]

Name________________________________  Phone #______________________Total amount enclosed  $_____________

No guarantees implied

FLOWER PLANTING DAY

The Gardening Department along with the Beautification Commission is holding a Flower Planting Day on Sunday, May 15 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers (groups or individuals) are needed and will be assigned a master gardener to assist them in the planting of flowers at Windmill Pointe Park or Patterson Park. Please call 822-2812 ext 201 if you or your group would be interested in joining us.