West Park Farmer’s Market will begin Saturday, May 27

Plans have been underway for our third season of the West Park Farmers Market. Since our first year the market has blossomed into a diverse open air venue. It hosts a variety of vendors providing such products as certified organic and non-organic produce, cheeses, baked goods, art, candles, jewelry, bedding plants and cut flowers in season, gift items, holiday ware and an array of delicious delicacies in case you get hungry. Not only is the market a great place to shop but it is also a place for families to interact and take advantage of the numerous activities the market has to offer. There are anywhere from 25-40 vendors available on any given Saturday and an increase in vendors and wares for special events. Special events this Summer will run at least once monthly and will be published on our web page when information becomes available. (www.grossepointepark.org) The market hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Saturday and the weather is rarely a cause for closing.

Current schedule of Market Events

- May 27 Opening Day
- June 17 Cruizin’ the Market
- July 1 Children’s Vendor Day
- July 22 Brewery Taste Fest
- August 26 Corn Roast Day
- Sept. 30 Family Fun Fest

For further information regarding the Farmer’s Market please contact Jennifer Meldrum at 822-0029 or 810-531-4648.

Last voyage of the Mackinaw

On Friday morning, April 21 the U.S.C.G Mackinaw sailed past Windmill Pointe Park on her final journey into retirement. Launched in 1944, this venerable 290’ cutter has been keeping fresh water shipping lanes open for traffic for over 60 years and will be replaced by a new 240’ Mackinaw that will also be moored at the Mackinaw’s home port of Cheboygan. This legendary workhorse is to become a living museum display following her decommissioning this summer.

Registration for Summer Classes

Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4

Registration for water activities, tennis lessons and knapsackers will be on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on Sunday June 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Windmill Pointe Park. Residents must have a valid park pass and be present to enroll their children in these classes.

(You may only sign up for one session per class during the June 3 and June 4 registration days.)

Late registration for classes in session II and session III will begin on Saturday, July 1 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. at Windmill Pointe Park. Late registration for classes in session III will begin Saturday, July 22 same time and locale.

The Summer sessions will be as follows:

- Session I June 19 - June 30
- Session II July 10 - July 21
- Session III July 31 - Aug. 11
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PARK PASS UPDATE

Remember park passes are needed year round to enter both parks for residents 7 yrs. and older.
Homeowner passes continue to be valid as long as there is no change of address. Renters must apply annually and tenancy must be verified by their landlord. Renters (with no change of address) passes issued in 2005 are valid until June 15, 2006.

Guest cards are not issued annually, and are valid until they are completely punched out at which time a request for a replacement can be made. New guest cards will be issued only upon presentation of the exhausted card. There is a limit of one guest card per household per season.

Lost passes are replaced once per season for a fee of $5.00 each.

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. Be certain that you and your family have valid park passes for 2006.

Park Hours

Patterson Park
8:00 a.m. to Dusk
(After Memorial Day)
7:00 a.m. to Dusk

Windmill Pointe Park
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

GROSSE POINTE PARK COMMUNICATOR

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New Picnic Permit guidelines and fee’s for 2006

Picnic permits are now available at the Parks & Recreation office for functions at either Windmill Pointe or Patterson Park for the 2006 season. Residents are allowed up to 6 non-resident guests per family (age 7 and over) on week-ends and holidays by using their guest pass. There is no limit on weekdays as long as there are punches available on your guest pass. A guest pass remains valid until all punches are used. A new pass may be obtained at the Public Service Department once per year at no charge.

A family may have up to 25 non-resident guests (age 7 and over) at either park by obtaining a picnic permit. The fee for a permit is $10.00 for a Monday - Friday function or $20.00 for a Saturday or Sunday event. Permits will not be issued for Memorial Day, the Fourth of July or Labor Day. Picnic Permits and fee’s must be received no less than one week prior to the reservation date. Permit reservations may only be made between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday at the park office or by calling 822-2812 ext. 201. Refunds will not be made for cancelled reservations.

Please remember that a permit is only needed for your non-resident guests.

Lindell Lodge rental guidelines

The new ice rink warming house at Patterson Park has been named the “Lindell Lodge” in recognition of Carlton and Verna Lindell. Their generosity along with the continuing efforts of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation have built this beautiful facility for our community. We are pleased to announce that it is now available to rent for tea’s, clubs, birthday and card parties, meetings and other small gatherings.

The lodge features a 32” HDTV flat screen television and surround sound audio system with a gas fireplace, 2 leather club chairs and 2 wooden cafe tables with accompanying wooden chairs. The side windows open and there is a ceiling fan. There is also a handicap accessible restroom. There is no refrigeration, kitchen, sink or serving utensils. Coolers are allowed and the counters may be used for serving food. Total capacity is 25 people. An 18’ x 22’ landscaped brick patio with a charcoal grill and 2 sets of patio furniture add to the charm of this facility.

BUILDING RULES:
No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed.
Balloons and table decorations are permitted. No wall decorations allowed.
The lodge is an “AS IS” rental room. Additional seating and tables are not allowed in the lodge.
Picnic permits will not be issued for use with the lodge, however a grill will be available for your barbeque needs.

RENTAL FEE’S:
The lodge is available for morning or afternoon rentals. Rental times are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (4 hr. rentals) Monday - Friday rentals are $50.00 per booking. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are $75.00 per booking. A separate security deposit of $100.00 is also required. Security deposit checks will be returned immediately following an event provided there are no damages to the facility. All fee’s must be paid 1 week in advance at the Parks and Recreation office.

For additional information or reservations please call 822-2812 ext 200.
Pool News

General Pool Hours
The pools and splashpad open on Saturday, May 27.

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.
(The wading pool will be closed until noon on week days when swim lessons are being held)

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

The olympic pool will also be closed on the following dates and times,

- **Mini Meet**
  - Saturday, June 24 9:00 a.m. until finished
  - (Diving area only)

- **Home swim meet**
  - Wednesday, June 28 4:00 p.m. until finished

- **Home swim meet**
  - Wednesday, July 5 4:00 p.m. until finished

- **Home swim meet**
  - Wednesday, July 19 4:00 p.m. until finished

Special requirements
All infants, toddlers and children who are not completely toilet trained may 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. For your convenience swimming diapers are available at the concession stand.

Lap swimming
Early morning lap swim will begin on Tuesday, June 20. 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 Day Weekend.

Top guard competition
The 5 Grosse Pointe’s will send their top 4 lifeguards to compete in the Top Guard Competition on Wednesday, August 2 at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms. Time is yet to be announced. Check with the pool or Parks and Recreation office for event time. Plan on showing your support for our team.

All patrons must take a soapy shower before entering the pool per Michigan State Law.

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 19 - June 30
- **Session II:** Monday-Friday July 10 - July 21
- **Session III:** Monday-Friday July 31 - August 11

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 - $25.00 (maximum 20 children)**
For children 3 & 4 yrs. old, who can understand and follow directions. Held in the wading pool. Goal is to get children aquainted with the water. Fun, games, and water play.

- **Monday – Friday**
  - 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR
  - 11:30 – Noon

**LEVEL I – Intro. To Water Skills - $30.00**
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 - $45.00**
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 - $45.00**
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 treading water.

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

**LEVEL IV – Stroke Improvement - $45.00**
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 - $45.00**
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 - $45.00 (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.

Additional registration for Session II & Session III swim lessons is on Sat. July 1, 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Windmill Pointe Park.

Additional registration for Session III swim lessons is on Sat. July 22, 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Windmill Pointe Park.
Swim Team News
Calling all swimmers!! The Lakefront Swim Association will be holding tryouts and registering swimmers on the following dates and times.

**LAST NAMES STARTING WITH:**
- **A - L** Wednesday, *May 31* from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- **M - Z** Thursday, *June 1* from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

(Swimmers must report to the pool deck for tryouts before they sign up in the lounge)

All new swimmers 12 and under are required to swim for the coaches to determine if the swimmers qualify for the team.

Swimmers in the 8 & under age group must be able to swim according to American Red Cross Learn to Swim requirements for Level 4.

Swimmers in the 10 & under age group must be able to swim according to American Red Cross Learn to Swim requirements for Level 5.

Coaches will inform the swimmer at the tryouts if the swimmer is ready for the swim team. Any swimmer who has passed the appropriate American Red Cross class and has verification of such may be exempt from attending the swim tryouts.

**REGISTRATION & FEE’S**

1 swimmer:  
- Mutant Swim Team check for $40.00  
- GPP check for $30.00

2 swimmers:  
- Mutant Swim Team check for $56.00  
- GPP check for $50.00

3 swimmers:  
- Mutant Swim Team check for $72.00  
- GPP check for $60.00

A swimmer eligibility form will need to be filled out, fee’s paid, swim team suits can be purchased and parents will sign up to volunteer on a committee of their choice.

Coaches this year will be: Pete Stevens, Justin Linne, Patrick LaRiviere, Emily Richardson-Rossbach, Amanda Palffy and Kim Stevens.

**BATHING SUITS**

The following are the bathing suits and prices for the Mutant Swim Team:
- Nike Lingerie Tank with 2 color screen $39.00
- Nike Jammer with 2 color screen $27.00
- Nike Brief with 2 color screen $23.00

**PARENTS MEETING**

On Friday, *June 2* from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. we will have our parents meeting in the gym.

Coaches will be on hand to meet you and we will have an overview of the swim team and a question and answer time.

For updates on the swim team refer to the city’s web page at [www.grossepointepark.org](http://www.grossepointepark.org). Go to the Parks and Recreation link, click on Mutant Swim Team at the top, then the Lakefront Swimming Association 2006 Handbook. This handbook should give you a pretty good insight of what we are all about.

### Diving into Summer

**Beginning Diving - $45.00**
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 - $45.00**
Monday - Friday  
11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

Students will develop advanced springboard diving skills and techniques.

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**Grosse Pointe Park “Mutants” 2006 Meet Schedule**

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**Water Aerobics**

**Instructor: Beverly Ruskus**

$90.00 for 18 classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

June 20, 22, 27, 29  
July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

*August 1, 3, 8, 10, 22, 24, 29, 31*

No swimming skills are required. This class is taught in the shallow end of the pool, is open to all ages and is offered during day or evening hours. Beverly will incorporate aerobics with water walking routines. If you sign up for the afternoon class and miss a week because of vacation, you can make up those 2 classes by attending the evening session. Register early at the Parks & Recreation office. We need a minimum of 10 participants to offer this class.

**Synchronized Swim Team**

$45.00 per swimmer

Practice Schedule:
- Monday - Friday  
*June 19 - July 13* 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- No practice on Tuesday, July 4

Swimmers must have passed level 3 or have attained level 3 skills.

**Synchronized Swim Performances**

*Friday, July 14, 2006* 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**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.
DOLORES & PAUL LAVINS ACTIVITY CENTER

Gym Rentals

Occasional Half Court gym rentals of the Golden Family Gymnasium are available. Reservations may be made only 24-hours in advance (maximum) for basket-
ball, volleyball, badminton and running games. The fee is $0.25 per hour for half the court. Park passes are required for access to the park and the Lavins Activity Center. Park Passes will be asked for at the reception desk to prove residence. Parents can invite one non-resident per gym rental activity. However, non-residents must arrive WITH residents, otherwise they will be denied entry. Passes will be collected and held at the desk. The maximum number of people in any gym is limited to 25 persons per side.

Property or gym shoes are required and shirts must be worn. If you are under the age of 16 you will need your parent/guardian to be in attendance while you play. Lockers are available.

Water fountains are permitted in the gym, but no other food or drinks are allowed. Ballhusticks and volleyballs are available. A complete list of gymnasium rules is posted at the front desk.

The Okulski Family Theatre

The Okulski Theatre offers a variety of movies on the BIG SCREEN. Call 822-2212 and press Ext. 1 to hear the latest upcoming movie titles, times and dates. The aroma of freshly popped popcorn and convenience to home are sure-
to reasons to make it a date.

Tickets:

Admits $6.00
Children under 12 $3.00
Seniors over 60 $3.00
Matinee (Movies starting before 5:00 p.m.) $4.00

Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day.

The guest policy is one non-resident guest to each attending resident and guests must arrive with the resident. The guest will receive a wristband. Guests are encouraged to arrive early as movies start promptly at listed times. Tickets are advised to have their park pass available for a fun-tastic viewing experience.

Lavins Activity Center Rentals

The Lavins Activity Center can be rented for various functions when it is not scheduled to park and recreation activities, classes, or events. Reservations are required to be made at least 1 month in advance. For complete details please stop in at the reception desk in the Stevens Atrium.

Capacity:

Okulski Theatre: 130 persons
McKeever Lounge: 25 persons
Power Point presentation: 40 persons

FEES

Movie theatre rental for up to 35 people $160.00 (min)
Each additional person $5.00
Theatre for power point (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) $200.00
Power Point for 8 hours $120.00
Limited use to 4 hours $60.00
Full Gym: witch rental if available (one hour, limited activities) $50.00
Security Deposit (required for all theatre and lounge rentals) $175.00
Check deposits must be in the renfrend residents name and they must be in attendance at the event.

Summer Karate Camps

The Summer Karate Schedule is now set and sign up will be on May 20. There will be 4 weeks of Karate Camps this year. Each week there will be (3) separate camps offered. A Weapons Camp, Beginners Camp and an Advanced Camp. The schedule is as follows:

Week I —June 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 Nunchucks Weapons Camp 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. $50.00
Beginners Karate Camp 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. $50.00
Advanced Karate Camp 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. $110.00

Week II —June 27, 28, 29, 30 Nunchucks Weapons Camp 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. $50.00
Beginners Karate Camp 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. $50.00
Advanced Karate Camp 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. $110.00

Week III —August 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Staff (Bo) Weapons Camp 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. $50.00
Beginners Karate Camp 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. $50.00
Advanced Karate Camp 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. $110.00

Week IV —August 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 Bokken/Shinai Weapons Camp 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. $50.00
Beginners Karate Camp 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. $50.00
Advanced Karate Camp 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. $110.00

Beginners Camp: The Beginners Camp is one hour of training for students ages 5, 6, 7. This camp is for new and returning students. Basic self-defense, kicking, blocking, and striking skills will be covered along with karate gourds placed at gun building confidence, coordination, and balance. Each student will get the opportunity to break a karate board during this week. Training breaks take focus and concentration along with form and technique. These skills will be covered. This beginners camp is a good introduction to karate for new students and for returning students it is a good way to keep their skills sharp over the summer months and learn new skills. All four Beginners Camps will vary in the skills taught, so students can participate in one, two, three, or all four camps.

Advanced Karate Camp: The Advanced Karate Camp offers 2 1/2 hours of training each day from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This camp is for returning students ages 9 and up that are ready for a more serious commitment to their training than the (1) hour Beginner Camp, and for new students ages 9 and up that want to give karate a try. During the Advanced Camp students will work on self-defense skills, kicking, blocking, sparing, basic 6 counts, board breaking, forms and rolling and striking skills. During these training sessions students can really fine tune their skills and work new skills into their muscle memory. New skills are taught each day. All 6 days of the Advanced Camp will vary in skills being taught, so students can participate in one, two, three, or all four camps. Each student is at a different point in their martial arts training and by the end of the week, two or three camps some students may be ready to advance to their next rank and be tested. This is not a guarantee that every student will test during the summer camps.

Nunchucks Camp: During this camp students will learn basic and advanced skills with the traditional Okinawan weapon. Striking, blocking, catching, and recilling skills will be covered along with “Double Nunchucks” skills for those students ready. Training with a weapon will help build hand and eye coordination and make a student empty hand skills stronger. Students will also learn weapon sparing skills and a weapon (kata) form in American Style Nunchucks. Each student will receive a soft pair of Nunchucks to practice with.

Rope Camp: An exciting Filipino weapon with both speed and power, a thick rope with a knot at each end. Learn to swing, strike, catch, and lock your opponent with the rope. It’s whipping speed and power is incredible. Training with this weapon will help build hand and eye coordination making a student empty hand skills better.

Bo (Staff) Camp: During this camp students will learn basic and advanced skills with the traditional Okinawan weapon. Striking, blocking, and complete weapon control will be covered. The Staff is a 5 ft 6 in. rod, so a student training with the Staff can pack a punch, shove, or branch and know how to defend themselves with it. Students will work well defend situations with the staff and learn a staff form.

Bokken/Shinai Camp: (Japanese Samurai Sword) The Bokken is a wooden replica of the Japanese Samurai Sword. Practicing with the Bokken will improve emphasis, eye coordination, plus strengthen your hands, arms, wrists and upper body. During this camp students will learn proper gripping, target areas, striking, and fun moves like the box cutter & wire roll. Sword history and etiquette will also be covered.

Please note: A student must be a 6th gup Green Belt or higher to participate in the Weapons Camp or have permission from Instructor Santi to participate. Students attending the Beginner & Advanced Camps will receive a camp t-shirt!
**Summer Programs & Special Events**

**Knapsackers - $72.00 per child includes T-shirt & photo**

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 3. 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 or Lavins Gym from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**53rd Annual Fishing Rodeo**

**Windmill Pointe Park**

**Saturday, June 17 9:00 - 11:30 A.M.**

$3.00 per child

This fun event is for all young anglers 15 yrs. and under. Applications are available at Windmill Pointe and Patterson Park starting Monday, May 15 and must be submitted by Monday, June 12. Great prizes, food and the thrill of landing “the big one” make this a fisherman’s delight! A hot dog & chips lunch will follow this event.

**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 on May 15. Play begins on June 20 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All applications are to be turned in by Sunday, June 11 at 11:00 p.m. at the inside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. The $50.00 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.

Playoffs will be held August 15, 16, with Championship games on August 17.

**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: $45.00 for 10 classes**

| 9:00 a.m. | 5-6 year old class | Beginners |
| 10:00 a.m. | 7-8 year old class | Beginners |
| 11:00 a.m. | 8 & up | Beginners |
| 1:00 p.m. | All ages | Intermediate and Advanced |

Session I: June 19 - June 30
Session II: July 10 - July 21
Session III: July 31 - August 11

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

Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. All levels

Session I: June 19, 21, 26, 28
Session II: July 10, 12, 17, 19
Session III: July 31, August 2, 7, 9

If there is enough interest, we will offer an adult class while children’s lessons are taught. Submit your name during registration.

**RAIN POLICY**

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

**15th Annual Summer Garden Tour**

The 2006 Grosse Pointe Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year Patterson Park will be on the tour, show casing the reflective pond gardens and the boardwalk gardens.

On our new brick paved patio in front of the Lindell Lodge we will be serving a light breakfast and lunch for an additional fee. Stop by and enjoy our café setting amongst the gardens. Tickets are available at The Grosse Pointe War Memorial and other locations for $12.00 in advance or $15.00 on the day of the event. Tickets will not be available at Patterson Park.

For further ticket information call The Grosse Pointe Garden Center at 881-7511 ext. 206.
Camp Wind-Y-Mill
Saturday, May 20
Windmill Pointe Park

Experience a sleepover at Windmill Pointe Park. Check-in is on Saturday, May 20 at 2:00 pm. Find your site, set your tent up and let the kids fish, play in the park and enjoy the camp experience. Later in the evening we will have organized games and our popular campfire with the Merry Music Maker providing entertainment and smores to fill your tummy's before bedtime. Rise with the sun on Sunday and report to the Tompkins Community Center for a wonderful breakfast. Check out time is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Sites are limited, so be sure to come to the Tompkins Center office during office hours to select your site, pick up your paperwork and pay the $25 campsite fee.

This is a wonderful family event for those of you who enjoy being outdoors.

Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament
August 17, 18, 19, 20

$20.00 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 20. The entry deadline is August 11. Doubles partners can be non-residents. Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday.

Event dates: Thursday, Aug. 17 through Sunday, August 20.
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.

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Concession Stand opens Saturday, May 27

Marty Peters and his staff will be ready to serve you from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with many old and tasty menu items and several new offerings. Menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, egg & chicken salad, grilled cheese, French fries, chicken sandwich, chicken tenders, pizza, nachos, salads, ice cream bars, candy, soft drinks, fruit smoothies, coffee, hot chocolate and cappuccino.

Also available at “Marty’s on the Lake” will be ice, hamburger & hot dog buns, ketchup, mustard, plastic cutlery, paper plates & napkins, lighters, suntan lotion, swim diapers and bait.

Call from your boat & have your order ready when you dock.
823-4535
Grosse Pointe Sail Club Hosts Regatta

The 54th Annual Grosse Pointe Sail Club Regatta will take place on Saturday July 8. Races start at 10:00 a.m and will finish by 3:00 p.m. Come on out to our own Windmill Pointe Park Pier and watch the excitement and action of close to 150 participating sailboats ranging in size from 16 to 50 feet start and finish at the end of our pier. The awards party following will take place at the Tompkins Community Center starting at 4:00 p.m. The cost to attend the Awards Party is $7.00 for adults, $4.00 for children, food and beverage will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Grosse Pointe Sail Club
“Sail for Life” Blood Drive
June 27

Tradition is a large part of sailing. Under the governance of Commodore Tom Fraser, the Grosse Pointe Sail Club is joining the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross to sponsor the Second Annual “Sail for Life” Blood Drive. This event will be on June 27 at The Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Meade Auto Group is again donating the refreshments to serve our donors and the tireless volunteers and nurses who work this event.

The Red Cross recognizes “Heroes” who work or give of themselves to save others. It is fitting that Commodore Fraser carries on this tradition started by Commodore Glory Schappe, as he is a recognized “Hero”, having saved lives in Lake St. Clair several years ago.

Last year we had 59 “Heroes” who showed up to give blood. We were able to collect 37 pints of blood that gave 111 patients a chance to regain their health. This year we want to increase our numbers by collecting at least 50 pints.

This year we would like to recognize the brave struggle of several of our members who have faced or are dealing with a serious illness and are supported by the devoted efforts of their friends and families.

Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club Regatta

The home of the Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club will be putting on another regatta Saturday, June 10 at Patterson Park. Come on out to watch some of the top windsurfers in the midwest compete. We will have a beginners fleet if conditions are right. Spectators will be entertained. Registration is at 10:00 a.m. Lunch and raffle prizes provided for the competitors.

Our club races on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to join us at Patterson Park. We will give free group lessons if interested. For more information contact: Frank Murray at (313) 331-2125 or Murwind@aol.com

Attention:
All Grosse Pointe Middle School students

The 5 Grosse Pointe, Parks and Recreation Departments have put together an All Pointes Youth Recreation Group. Below are the scheduled events. In order to attend the events, all teens must show a school I.D. from a Grosse Pointe Middle School or current home city park pass.

Scheduled Events

Monday, Memorial Day, May 29 - No trash or recycling pick-up. All pick-ups delayed by one day remainder of week.

Tuesday, 4th of July - Monday pick-ups of trash & recycling on schedule. No pick-ups on Tuesday. Tuesday through Friday pick-ups delayed by one day remainder of week.

Keep our city clean

We need your help to keep our alleys clean. Trash cans that are left out are targets for scavengers and school kids to tip over and rummage through, making it difficult for the D.P.W. to clean the alley.

Beginning May 1, the City Ordinance Officer will be enforcing Ordinance Sec 12-6 and 12-11 which reads as follows:

Sec 12-6 Refuse for collection shall be placed at the curb on the property abutting the alley, only on the day on which collection will be made or after 6:00 p.m. on the day proceeding such collection day. No garbage containers or carriers shall be left at the curb or on the property abutting the alley.

Sec 12-11 It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, throw or place any refuse in any alley, street or private premises other than in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Thank you for your cooperation to keep our alleys clean. It is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by
Chris Reimel
Director of Public Service
Arbor Day Tree Test Answers

Out of the numerous entries received, only two had all seven questions answered correctly. A random drawing at city hall produced Maddie Burgoyne, age 8, as the winner. Maddie, who attends Defer Elementary will receive a National Arbor Day baseball cap, a $50.00 U.S. Patriot Bond and a “famous and Historic tree” planted in her honor at Patterson Park. Congratulations to Maddie. Here are the answers:

1. Q. What is the official state tree of Michigan?
   A. White pine (adopted in 1955)

2. Q. Name the three NATIVE pine trees to Michigan.
   A. White pine, red pine & jack pine (these are the three pines that have always grown naturally in Michigan although non-native species such as Scotch pine are commonly planted in Michigan landscapes today).

3. Q. Which tree is the only maple with compound leaves?
   A. Box elder (considered an undesirable species, box elder is nonetheless in the genus Acer or maple).

4. Q. Which tree is most commonly tapped to produce syrup?
   A. Sugar maple (although other maple species and some birch species can also be tapped).

5. Q. (True or False) The emerald ash borer is an exotic beetle inadvertently introduced to North America from Asia.
   A. True (first diagnosed in western Wayne county in 2002 this epidemic is quickly becoming a continental problem).

6. Q. (True or False) Mountain ash is highly susceptible to the emerald ash borer.
   A. False (mountain ash is not a true ash. It’s in the genus Sorbus not Fraxinus).

7. Q. (True or False) Dutch elm disease is a fungus.
   A. True (Its scientific name is Ophiostoma ulmi).

Grosse Pointe Park Residents Household Hazardous Waste Day
May 13 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Windmill Pointe Park (North lot)

Household Hazardous wastes that will be accepted:

- Amony cleaners
- Antifreeze
- Detergents/Bleach
- Fuels
- Drain and oven cleaners
- Pesticides
- Rug cleaners
- Upholstery cleaners
- Cleaning solvents
- Mothballs
- Fertilizers
- Fungicides
- (naphthalene)
- Polish (acid or solvent based)
- Herbicides
- Weedkillers
- Insecticides
- Paint strippers
- Paint thinners
- Batteries (button or dry cell)
- Varnish and stains
- Paint & primers
- Wood preservatives
- Glue (water solvent based)
- (enamel-solvent or heat based)
- Gun cleaning solvents
- Chemistry sets
- Photographic chemicals
- Propane tanks

Computer monitors, TV’s and microwaves can be disposed of for 50 cents per pound

Important document and paper shredding available by a bonded recycling company

Unacceptable waste items include:
- Motor oil - Recycle at Mobil, Valvoline or Murray’s Discount Auto Parts
- Automotive batteries - Recycle at Auto Zone, Murray’s Discount Auto or Pep Boys
- Latex paint - Must be completely dried out. Sawdust or cat litter can accelerate process. When dry, dispose with regular rubbish but leave paint cans next to your trash container.

Branching Out!

Rare, interesting & unique tree’s

In our small community of Grosse Pointe Park we have an amazingly diverse tree population. Nearly a hundred different varieties of trees are growing here, the majority in the Jerome Abbs Arboretum at Patterson Park. There are definitely rare, interesting and unique trees growing along our streets as well. Here are a few examples:

Never made the pilgrimage to California to see the giant redwoods? Well, you don’t have to. An authentic California redwood is growing in front of 643 Barrington. The homeowner planted the 12” seedling April 24, 1989 and the tree already stands taller than the house. I can only imagine the tree 150 years from now and the awe it will impart to anyone who passes it.

Drive down the 1200 block of Lakepointe and you’ll see a maple tree which is being tapped for maple syrup. To make 1 gallon of maple syrup, 50 gallons of sap from a sugar maple must be tapped and boiled. I wonder if the homeowner realizes that they are tapping a Norway maple, not a sugar maple. Syrup can be derived from a Norway maple, as well as red maple and birch. However, since the sap is not as sweet as the sugar maple, it takes much more sap to create the syrup.

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Community
ANNOUNCING GROSSE POINTE PARK BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION’S 2006 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.

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’ - 7’ 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, MAY 26

Return to Brian Colter, City Forester, 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, together with your check and a SELF-ADDRESSED, 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.

_______Snowdrift Crab @ $35.00 = $_______
_______Robinson Crab @ $35.00 = $_______
_______Weeping Cherry @ $55.00 = $_______
_______American Elm @ $50.00 = $_______
TOTAL = $_________

Name________________________________ Phone #______________________ Total amount enclosed $__________

__ No guarantees implied

SPRING PERENNIAL PLANT EXCHANGE
Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission
Saturday, May 20 10:00 a.m. - Noon Tompkins Community Center


For more info visit www.grossepointepark.org or select “current information” at www.bcsem.org