Test your knowledge. This is a photograph of:

D. A former U.S. Army missile base that is now a municipal park?   E. All of the above?

If you answered “all of the above” it would be an understandable mistake. This picture was taken at Patterson Park at the foot of Three Mile Drive.

Patterson Park, at least in this writer's opinion, has become one of the most strikingly beautiful botanical venues and shoreline vistas anywhere along the Michigan coastline of Lake St. Clair. And it is there only for the enjoyment and pleasure it offers to our residents and their guests.

The eastern half of these approximately 22 acres were actually leased to the U.S. Army in 1951 during the height of the Cold War as a Nike missile launching base. These surface-to-air missiles were designed to shoot down Russian bombers that would be headed for the Detroit area. When the base lease was not renewed in 1957, the camp was razed leaving only the broken concrete pads that once supported the various buildings.

The west side of the park was comprised of the McMillan Estate which extended from the front gate on Essex to the lake. Possession of the McMillan estate was obtained by the city in 1968. The only building left standing today is the original carriage house located on the main street inside the park.

Since that time this combined space has been developed as a residential park with many enjoyable attractions that include grills, picnic tables, benches, a covered picnic shelter, 5 tennis courts, basketball court, gazebo, heated restrooms, windsurf and kayak access. Also, added since 1991 are the Playscape in the Park, the George H. Helms Boardwalk, the Robert Hutton Reflecting Pool and refrigerated Ice Rink, Human Sundial, Splash Pad, 14 Course Fitness Station and the year old Warming House for the Ice Rink that has been named the Lindell Lodge. A fireplace, cozy furniture and hot chocolate keep little (and not so little) fingers and toes warm and toasty. Also, Patterson Park was one of the locations on the 15th Annual Summer Garden Tour earlier this Summer.

I probably couldn’t grow a Chia Pet in an Amazon rain forest so I hardly consider myself horticulturally educated. But I do recognize and appreciate the fruits of many peoples time, labor, sacrifice and spot-on foresight. Patterson Park has truly become one of the jewels in the city’s crown.

You may not bump into The President or Tiger Woods. But if you did, you’re the one who would feel right at home.
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

2006
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 2006 are valid until June 15, 2007.

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
7:00 a.m. to Dusk
(After Labor Day)
8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Windmill Pointe Park
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
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 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 seperate 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.

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 2006 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

For additional information or reservations please call 822-2812 ext 201.
Pool News

General Pool Hours
The pools and splashpad will close on Labor Day. The splash pad will stay open longer, weather permitting.

- 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.

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.

Top guard competition
The 5 Grosse Point’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.

Camp Wind-Y-Mill

Saturday, September 16
Windmill Pointe Park

Experience a sleepover at Windmill Pointe Park. Check-in is on Saturday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m. 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.

Halloween in the Park

SAT. OCTOBER 28, 06
Windmill Pointe Park

This exciting costumed event is for young children and elementary school students.

Windmill Pointe Park will be transformed into Halloween in the Park. A winding trick-or-treat path will lead you from candy station to candy station, all decorated differently. The date of this event is Saturday October 28. It begins promptly at 4:30 p.m. and will end at 6:00 p.m. Trick-or-treaters may select arrival times of 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. (Trick or Treaters must arrive before 5:45 p.m. in order to get through all of the stations).

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. They will be on sale for $4.00 per child from October 1 through October 27 at the Outside Gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. Tickets sold on the day of the event up until 2:00 p.m. will cost $8.00. Every child trick or treating must be in costume and accompanied by an adult.

Trick-or-treat bags will be given out at the gate and this will be the only bag that our volunteers will fill with candy.

Resident volunteers are needed for candy stations. Sign up to decorate one of the trick-or-treat stations. Use your creative talents to set up a Halloween scene with pumpkins, scarecrows, tombstones, themes, characters, and other festive ideas. Candy will be provided by the Parks & Recreation Department for you to give out at your station. Volunteering is a great way to be part of the excitement even if you don’t have any ghosts or goblins of your own. Please sign up to be a volunteer by October 24. Decorating your station will take place on the day of the event starting at 2:00 p.m. and must be completed by 4:00 p.m. Be creative—there will be a “thank you” gift for each volunteer station. If interested, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 822-2812.

There is no rain date for this event!

West Park Farmers Market

Two more special event days remain at the Farmers Market.

August 26 Corn Roast Day

September 30 Family Fun Fest

Mark your calendar for this family themed final Market day of the season. Kercheval will be closed from Balfour to Maryland and the market will combine activities with the Defer Elementary School festival.

Additional vendors, great food, children’s activities, pony rides, live entertainment and a beer tent should satisfy all tastes.

Normal market business will take place on all other Saturdays before Sept. 30.
Parks & Recreation

Karate for Kids
Instructor: Lisa Santi

This popular martial arts program continues another season of learning, skill development and advancement. The “Turn of the Tide”, Martial Arts program works to teach students to gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. These classes are ongoing and new students are always welcomed. Classes are held in the gymnasium in the Lavins Activity Center. Class sizes are limited.

Karate for Teens

A teen karate class is now being offered that is designed just for you. Designed by teens for teens, each class will start with a fun warm up to music and then the traditional karate training that enhances the physical skills of strength, fitness, balance, coordination, and flexibility with the mental skills of focus, patience, courage, confidence, perseverance, respect, discipline and dedication being applied. Issues that teens face today and self defense techniques will also be woven into this specially designed class. Sensei Marino Santi a teen himself will be co-teaching this class.

Forms Class (NEW!)

The Forms Class is new this year and is designed for students to improve their Forms training. This class is offered to students who have attained the rank of Junior Red Belt or 9th Gup Blue Belt and higher. In this class students will perfect their current forms making them tournament quality and begin working on their next form. This class is good for both the student that enjoys the beauty of the art of “forms” and the student who struggles with forms and wants to improve in this area of their martial arts training. In a normal 8 week session of Karate, Forms are practiced for two weeks. In this class we will work on forms every week helping you to improve and retain your training.

Beginners classes are for students ages 5 years to 8 years old that are new to Karate or have attained a Junior Ranking from Junior Yellow Belt to Junior Red Belt.

Advanced classes are for students 9 years old an up that are new to Karate or students that have attained the rank of 8th Gup Purple Belt and up.

Sparring class is for all students regardless of age or rank. Sparring class should be taken in conjunction with a beginner or Advanced Karate class.

Weapons class is for students who have attained the rank of 6th Gup Green Belt or higher and should be taken in conjunction with an Advanced Karate class.

Teen class is for all students born in or before 1994 regardless of rank.

Session I

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6
Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class ages 9 & up. Same dates as above.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7
Tuesdays - 4:30 p.m. Sparring Class. Same dates as above.
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class. Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class ages 9 & up. Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Forms Class - 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9
Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Weapons Class. Same dates as above.
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Teen Class. Same dates as above.

Session II

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/22
Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class ages 9 & up. Same dates as above.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/16
Tuesdays - 4:30 p.m. Sparring Class. Same dates as above.
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class. Same dates as above.

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Gymnastics Class (NEW!)

Instructor: Barb Thomson

Basic tumbling skills taught, working on floor mats only. Rolls, cartwheels, handstands, etc. will be taught according to the level of the class. Emphasis will be on strength, flexibility and coordination. With positive reinforcement the students will build the courage to try new skills. For both boys and girls. Comfortable gym clothes with no zippers should be worn to class. Must have a minimum of 8 students per class to run. Please register at the Lavins Activity Center.

8 - 11 yr. olds Tues. 8 weeks $64 7:30-8:30 pm
September 12, 19, 26 Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 (no class Oct. 31) Nov. 7

5 - 8 yr. olds Sat. 8 weeks $64 11:30-12:15 pm
September 16, 23, 30 Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4

Registration will be on Saturday, September 9 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at The Lavins Activity Center.
**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 basketball, volleyball, badminton and running games. The fee is $20 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 residency. Patrons can invite one non-resident per gym rental activities. 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 the gym is limited to 25 persons per side.

Proper tennis or gym shoes are required and shirts must be worn. If you are under the age of 18 you will need your parent/guardian to be in attendance while you play. Lockers are available.

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

**The Okulski Family Theatre**

The Okulski Family Theatre offers a variety of movies on the Big Screen. Call 822-2012 and press R & R, # to hear the latest upcoming movie titles, times and dates. The aroma of freshly popped popcorn and convenience to home are sure-fire reasons to make it a date.

**Ticket Prices**

- **Adults** $6.00
- **Children under 12** $5.00
- **Seniors over 60** $5.00
- **Matinee (Movies starting after 5 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 to gain access to the park. Residents are encouraged to arrive early as movies start promptly at listed times. Teens are advised to have their park pass available for PG-13 rated movies.

**Lavins Activity Center Rentals**

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

**Capacity:**

- **Okulski Theatre:** 130 persons
- **McKeever Lounge:** 50 persons
- **Power Point presentation:** 40 persons

**Fees**

- **Movie theatre rental for up to 75 people** $160.00 (min)
- **Each additional person** $5.00
- **Theatre for power point (6 noon or noon to 4)** $160.00
- **Power Point for 8 hours** $120.00
- **Lounge for up to 4 hours** $60.00 per first hour, $30.00 for each additional hour
- **Full Gym w/other rental if available (one hour, limited access)** $50.00
- **Security Deposit required** for all theatre and lounge rentals $175.00
- **Check/payment must be in the renting residents name and they must be in attendance at the event.**

**Pipsqueaks P.E.**

Pipsqueaks is a class for children 3-6 years old who are ready to move, dance and play independently from their parents. This is a great class designed to get their bodies moving in a fun and energetic way while learning new developmental skills.

Enrollment is limited to 12 children per class. If necessary, we can add an additional class on Tuesday or Wednesday depending on demand. We could add a 2:00-3:00 p.m. class either day. There must be at least 6 children enrolled to run a class.

**Session I**

**Tiny Tots:**

- **Tuesday:** 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. 7 Weeks  Cost: $49.00
- **September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
- **Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. 7 Weeks  Cost: $49.00
- **September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1**

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- **November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19**
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- **November 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20**

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Fitness Class Membership Offerings

**Body Toning with Weights** taught by Jane Blahut
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
- Two Saturdays per month: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Strength training is beneficial for men and women, no matter what their age or fitness level. Weight training can help lose unwanted pounds and inches to prevent gradual accumulation of body fat that otherwise accompanies aging. Do not abandon aerobic activity: the two diverse workouts complete each other.

**Body X-Cellence™** taught by Beverly Ruskus
- Monday, Wednesday: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

This class involves 20 minutes of low impact movements. The rest of the time is spent on weight training the arms and legs. Abdominal and back work is included followed by relaxation and stretch. Working at one’s own pace is encouraged.

**Group Indoor Cycling** taught by Patty Logan/Jane Blahut/Carrie Moore/Mary Lutfy
- Tuesday, Thursday morning: 6:00 - 6:45 a.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday Evening: 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday: 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

We will guide you through a challenging ride and build endurance and leg strength. You will need to reserve a bike the day before due to the popularity. Call after 12 noon the day before to reserve a space.

**Cardio Step & Stretch** taught by Kelly Maher
- Monday: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

This 60 minute class will shape and sculpt your entire body and burn fat. This class consists of 30-minutes of cardio sculpt with weight and step bench and 30 minutes of lower body training, including abs, glutes, and hamstrings, all followed by a relaxing stretch. Guaranteed to change your body shape and energize you!

**Yoga-Lates** taught by Kelly Maher
- Wednesday: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

The craze continues! 60 minutes of intense but gentle workout focusing on strength, balance, and control. Movements include the use of the mat and a variety of resistance equipment incorporating techniques, from Yoga, Pilates, fitness strength training, and dance conditioning. You will burn calories and work muscles you didn’t even know you had.

**Power Yoga** taught by Mary Walsh/Carrie Moore
- Monday, Wednesday: 7:40 - 8:40 p.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

This class is physically challenging with a flowing sequence of yoga postures. It is designed to enhance strength with flexibility, while reducing stress and invoking a sense of calmness and inner peace.

**Senior Strength Aerobics** taught by Rita Moran and Beverly Ruskus
- Tuesdays: 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
- Friday: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The class will begin with a warm up and lead into a low-impact simple aerobic workout. The hour will be completed with strength training and floor exercises.

**Tai Chi** taught by Arlene Wetherby
- Monday: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

A famous tradition of “soft style” Chinese martial arts. This training concentrates on relaxed breathing techniques, looseness, coordination, stability and balance to generate power for self defense applications.

**Body Sculpting** taught by Mary Walsh
- Tuesday, Friday: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

This class is designed to strengthen the major muscles, stabilizers and assistors of the body. Creating a balance of strength and flexibility necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle. All levels welcomed.

**Fat Burning Friday** taught by Kelly Maher
- Friday: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

A class combining strength training tools, yoga posture and core conditioning to increase heart rate without impact. Bring a yoga mat and shoes.

**Short Spin** taught by Carrie Moore
- Monday & Wednesday: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

“We’re just going for a short spin...” 30 Minutes of intense indoor cycling. Bikes must be reserved starting at noon the day before short spin class.
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 until the entry deadline which 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, Aug. 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.

REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES AND EVENTS
Please do not use for Karate or Tennis

Name:__________________________
Age:

Name:__________________________
Age:

Address:________________________

Phone:__________________________

Class/Activity:___________________

Amount: $__________

Please make check payable to and mail to:
City of Grosse Pointe Park
15115 E. Jefferson Ave.
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
Attn: Parks & Recreation

Concession Stand closes
Monday (Labor Day) Sept. 4

Marty Peters and his staff will continue to serve you from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with many old and tasty menu items and several new offerings through Labor Day. 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
Recycling

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 kitchen oil in 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 recepticles shall be provided and used by the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of the premises.

Containment of refuse

Watertight 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 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. Continue to separate yard waste from regular trash until December 2, 2005.

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.

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

Monday, Labor Day, September 4 - No trash or recycling pick-up. All pick-ups delayed by one day remainder of week.

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 chippings 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.
NICE NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Have you ever wanted to thank that neighbor who shovels your snow, cuts your grass or picks up you mail while you’re on vacation? Here’s your chance. The City of Grosse Pointe Park is starting a Nice Neighbor Program. The program will honor homeowners who do what they can to improve the city’s quality of life. Recipients will be recognized in a following issue of the Communicator.

Include the nominee’s name, address, telephone number & the reason(s) you are submitting them for a Nice Neighbor award.

Send your nominations to:
PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT
15115 East Jefferson
Grosse Ponte Park, MI 48230
ATTN: Diane Vandenboom or
E-mail to Vandenboom@grossepointepark.org

our Nice Neighbors for this issue are:

You’ve presented the perfect opportunity for me to acknowledge my exceptional neighbors, Bunny & Jan Homan on Edgemont Park. These dear people are so helpful that they make living on Edgemont a privilege. They accept deliveries for us, let us in when we are locked out, keep an eye on our children and on the block in general. They also have lent us countless eggs and butter. I believe we have the nicest neighbors in the park.

Thank You,
Rebecca & Joe Reyes
Edgemont Park

Margaret Riethmiller is not just a good neighbor, she is a great neighbor! She is gracious and beloved to all who know her. She treasures this town and is like family to many of us on Pemberton. She has an understanding heart and a wonderful talent for listening. Margaret is brilliant. She loves art, books and garage sales. She is also delightful with my children, especially with my 4 year old daughter Abigail. They are great pals. They play together and Margaret is an appreciative recipient of Abigail’s artwork. We are grateful to have Margaret as our neighbor. She continues to inspire us.

Janice M. Wilson
799 Pemberton

Utilizing diseased wood

Grosse Pointe Park is losing hundreds of trees a year due to the emerald ash borer epidemic. Since 2002 over four hundred city ash trees have been removed. Despite that staggering number, it’s going to get worse before it starts to get better. Next year alone we will probably lose another 300 ash trees to the beetle. The year after that, losses will begin to taper off. Eventually though, nearly all of our 1200 ash trees will be killed by this Asian invader. Eventually too, however, for every ash removed another tree will be planted. We are replacing the ash with a diversity of desirable yet under-used species. Grosse Pointe Park’s urban forest will be better than ever and it will be diversified to protect against future epidemics. In the mean time, what do we do with all the wood generated from removals?

It’s a common misconception that diseased ash wood is useless and needs to be destroyed. On the contrary, the wood is still viable. The insect kills the tree by disrupting the exchange of water and nutrients from the roots with the sugars (food) produced in the crown. This activity takes place in the thin cambium which is immediately beneath the bark, an area which is removed during the milling process. The rest of the wood is disease free and unscathed. According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, kiln drying and chipping are accepted ways to destroy the emerald ash borer larvae.

The idea of utilizing diseased wood from our community had its roots when emerald ash borer was first diagnosed in Grosse Pointe Park in August 2002. Our tree contractor built a kiln and started to dry and store the many logs we were accumulating. In 2005, some logs were cut into lumber and used for practical purposes such as a wood bench, flooring for our new warming hut by the ice rink, a huge mantle over the fireplace in the same building and for an educational timeline which is on display at City Hall. Woodchips were also recycled and utilized to resurrect a dilapidated fitness trail at one of our parks. Bags of finely chipped wood were also given out to residents during our spring and fall flower exchanges. Woodchips are still available to residents free of charge for use as mulch. Some wood was split and the firewood burned by the campers at our annual camp Wind-Y-Mill overnighter. Rather than fill up our landfills with diseased ash, it’s far more prudent to find productive applications for the wood.

On May 20, 2006, Grosse Pointe Park received the prestigious “Michigan Award” from Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. for recycling diseased wood.

While we are not even halfway through our emerald ash borer epidemic, there is light at the end of the tunnel and a more diverse, beautiful urban forest is on the horizon. In the meantime, we will try to make the best of it by using the by-products from this process to our advantage. And while Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota and the rest of North America is going through the agonizing ordeal of removing 20% of their tree population, we will be enjoying our new gorgeous, green, growing trees.

Contact Brian Colter at 822-5020 or arbor2000@aol.com

Branching Out!

The bench shown above was made from the first ash tree to be cut down because of the Emerald Ash Borer disease in 2002. It is in the lobby at city hall.
Right: Defer student Maddie Burgoyne receives her National Arbor Day Hat and a $50.00 U.S. Patriot Bond from City Forester, Brian Colter for correctly answering the Arbor Day Tree Test.

Also, a “famous and historic” tree will be planted in her name at Patterson Park.

Top: First place winner Lindsay Fisher is flanked by runners-up Emma Taras and Patrick Jackson after receiving award ribbons for their very creative artwork in this years Arbor Week Poster Contest.

This is no fish tale. Michael Schneider of Barrington Road proudly displays the 2 pound Walleye he caught during the 53rd Annual Fishing Rodeo at Windmill Pointe Park. It was the heaviest fish caught.

Young angler, Sean Miller, managed to land the longest fish. A whopping 18” Pike.

Congratulations to all of our contestants and winners!

**Fall Perennial Plant Exchange**

*Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission*

Saturday, Oct. 7, 10:00 a.m. - Noon Tompkins Community Center


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