Holiday Tree lighting and Gift Market scheduled for Wed. Nov. 29
6:30 p.m. at The Tompkins Community Center

Circle this date on your calendar!

Be sure to bring the whole family to our Holiday Tree lighting ceremony that will take place promptly at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29 directly behind the Tompkins Community Center.

Mayor Heenan will present the traditional “Key to the City” to Santa Claus. Once again, the Good News Singers Quartet will perform several yuletide selections and hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Additionally, a free Christmas movie will be shown at the Okulski Family Theater beginning at 8:00 p.m.

A “New” holiday shopping destination!

This annual family event will be more enjoyable with the addition of the Gift Market that will be presented in the Tompkins Community Center immediately following the Tree lighting at approximately 7:00 p.m. The market will feature 18 different vendors selling Christmas candles, wreaths, holiday roping, desserts, vintage wares, scarves, purses, ornaments, jewelry, centerpieces, teas, soaps and much more.

Vote on November 7
Important information regarding 2007 Park Passes

Please remember that park passes are needed year round to enter both parks for residents 7 yrs. and older.

Homeowners and renters will be renewing their passes in 2007. Passes and guest cards presently in use will be valid until June 15, 2007.

Prior to June 15, current homeowners will be receiving applications for renewal. Applications for renters will be available prior to June 15 at both Park gatehouses and in the Public Service Department at City Hall. Applications must be fully completed including birth dates. Incomplete applications will not be processed for validation.

Please take notice...

Beginning with the 2007 passes, a separate guest card will no longer be issued.

Residents 17 and under will be allowed 1 guest per visit.
Residents 18 and over will be allowed 3 guests per visit.

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 2007.

Picnic Permits

Picnic Permits will be issued at the Parks and Recreation office starting Tuesday, January 2, 2007 for next season. Call 822-2812 ext. 200

- Permits are available for Windmill Pointe and Patterson Park
- You may apply for a permit Monday-Friday from 8-4 p.m.
- A maximum of 25 guests are allowed on a permit
- Charge for permits are $10 week-days and $20 week-ends
- Permits will not be issued Memorial Day, 4th of July or Labor Day
- There are picnic limits per day. Make your reservation early

Grosse Pointe Park Communicator

The Park Communicator is published four times a year—February, May, August and November—by the City of Grosse Pointe Park. The Park Communicator is the voice of the City and City Council.

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1994 PROPOSAL A IMPACTS

In 1994 Proposal A was passed in an effort to curb significant increases in assessed values to homeowners. While these increases were previously offset in part to reductions of community millage rates, it has assisted in limiting tax increases for existing homeowners.

For example, in the prior three years alone Grosse Pointe Park received an average increase in City taxes collected of less than 3%. However, excessive tax increases were allocated to home buyers due to the tax assessment uncapping process during this same period. This uncapping burden has contributed to limiting home sales and accompanying values within Grosse Pointe Park and throughout Michigan.

California, which has a similar uncapping procedure offered relief to this uncapping penalty through their Propositions 60 & 90. These propositions allowed citizens to acquire a home of equal or lesser value than their existing home and transfer the current taxable value to their new property. This provided tax relief for buyers when relocating.

To better explain the penalty of the uncapping prices, the City of Grosse Pointe Park collected 2.3% in additional revenues due to rising assessed values in 2005.

During this same period, approximately 188 home sales occurred resulting in an uncapping for those residences. The corresponding tax increase resulted in homes sold bearing 44% of the tax increase while the estimated 4,000 remaining homes shared the remaining 56%.

The uncapping process, thus limited existing homeowner’s tax increase to 1.01% in 2005, but caused double digit increases in many cases in excess of 50% to buyers. Therefore, while the City gained no additional funds, buyers absorbed drastic increases in tax liability.

In summary, negative impacts created by Proposal A include:

- Excessive tax increases by homebuyers, in most cases rising by double digits
- Tax uncapping penalty limits selling prices
- Uncapping tax penalty further constrains home sales
- Penalizes seniors wishing to downsize
- Creates a dis-incentive for homeowners to relocate within their communities
- Creates a tax disparity between neighbors sharing the same services
- Limits homebuyers purchasing power for housing
- Offer little or no gain to local taxing authorities and limits home owners equity

Andrew Richner, former State Representative, along with the Grosse Pointe Park City Council recommended relief similar to the California Propositions 60 & 90 to the State Legislature which would allow new homebuyers to relocate within the State with a suggested maximum uncapping of 10% over the prior tax value of the acquired property and further recommended seniors acquiring homes of equal or lesser value to transfer such tax values.

To date the State Legislature has not actively sought to resolve the tax uncapping penalty.

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 only for Park residents to rent for various family functions.

Rental rates for 2007 are:
- Monday - Thursday (daytime or evening function) $250
- Fri., Sat., & Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. $350
- Wedding Receptions $550
- Monday - Thursday hourly rate (up to 3 hours maximum) $75 for 1st hour and $50 per hour after.

For additional information or reservations please call 822-2812 ext 201.
A letter from Dr. Dinesh Telang,
President of The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation was created in 1984 for the express purpose of improving the quality of life for residents of Grosse Pointe Park. As our Mayor, Palmer Heenan has said many times, “I like to consider the Park a club in which everyone is a member.” To that end, the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation has raised almost $2.1 million in private donations for projects directly related to improvements for the residents of our fine city.

Highlights of our past projects include:

- The **Lavins Activity Center**, which includes over 1200 residents taking advantage of the state-of-the-art health facility, and the **Okulski Theater**, with late first-run movies in the only Movie Theatre in the Grosse Pointes.
- Dugout and Concession improvements at Defer for the Grosse Pointe Park Little League.
- The **Hutton Ice Rink**.
- The **Boardwalk** at Patterson Park.
- The **Splash Pad**.
- The **Lindell Warming Lodge**.
- The **Playscape** at Defer
- Jefferson Avenue **Streetscape**.

We are currently soliciting suggestions for smaller projects while we continue to pursue our plans for the **Grosse Pointe Center for the Arts** for the space on Jefferson in front of the new Park Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

I believe the Foundation has been instrumental in improving the quality of life for residents of our ‘club’, the City of Grosse Pointe Park. Our overhead amounts to less than 4%, largely due to the expenses of our annual Summer Fundraiser. I’m asking on behalf of the Board for you to consider joining or renewing your membership in the Foundation. **Membership is $50.00 annually, is tax-deductible** and will include you on our mailing list for invitations to social events such as the Summer Fundraiser, the Foundation Film Festival, Euchre Tournament, Taste of Grosse Pointe, and most recently, the Fourth of July Celebration.

If you have any questions about membership, please feel free to call Kathy Willmer at 313-822-4379. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Dinesh J. Telang
President, Grosse Pointe Park Foundation
Ice Skating Extravaganza ‘06
Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.
Patterson Park

We will be hosting an Ice Skating Extravaganza this year on December 7 at Patterson Park on the Hutton Ice Rink.

This half hour performance will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge for this event. Programs will be furnished as you enter the park. Complimentary hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the Lindell Lodge.

Bundle up because the best and only seat in the house will be outside. Watch this skating show under the lights while performers skate in rhythm to their choreographed music.

Come and see for yourself the skating talent in the Park!

Ice Skating Lessons

We are pleased to offer you a fantastic outdoor skating program! Our tot lessons will focus on basic skills such as standing, falling properly, marching and pushing to create momentum. The instructors will bring their enthusiasm of skating to Patterson Park to share with their students. The class will follow the guidelines of the United States Figure Skating Association. “Tot students” must wear the following attire to class: thinsulate gloves, a hat to cover their ears and hair, waterproof pants or a snowsuit and a hockey helmet. Parents, please make sure the children’s skates are sharp and properly fitted – no double runners. (Helpful hint: have the children’s gear on before arriving at the rink. Skate guards will protect the blades.) Parents may watch from the warmth of the Lindell Lodge.

Tuesdays  Noon – 12:30 or 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.  3-6 year olds
5 weeks  $40.00
Session I  December 5, 12, 19, January 2, 9
Session II  January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13

Dodge Ball for Kids

Sign your children up for an hour of play in running, ducking, catching and throwing in an assortment of dodge ball games in the Golden Family Gymnasium. This popular game is lots of laughs with the kids and went over so well last year that it’s back! Players don’t need to worry about getting hit because all the balls that are used are soft coated foam balls. We will have our instructor explain the rules, monitor the games and set up the teams. Sign up and pay at the Lavins Center Reception Desk by Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

Saturdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. 5 - 10 year old girls and boys
5 weeks  $17.00
Session I  January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 10
Session II  February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17
Participants need to wear gym shoes and comfortable clothes.

Valentines Day Skate
Saturday, February 10, 07

The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a special Valentine’s Day Skate on Saturday, February 10 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Hutton Ice Rink at Patterson Park. This one hour will be exclusively for the Valentine Day Skate participants. All ages of skaters are welcome to come and participate in this free outdoor activity. We encourage parents to come along with their children to join in the fun! Please arrive promptly. We play games and skate to music. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served in our new warming house.

Adult Golf Instruction

This class is designed for beginners and for those of you who need to brush up on your skills. You will need to bring 4 clubs to the first class. A wood, 7 iron, pitching wedge and a putter. Practical hands-on instruction and video taping of each golfer will take place during each session. Golf lessons will be taught in the Golden Family Gymnasium accommodating up to 15 participants. Sign up early with your friends to reserve your spot!

Tuesdays,  5 classes  7:30 – 8:30 p.m.  $65.00
Session I  January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6
Session II  February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13
Instructor: Matt Bodde, Golf Pro at the Country Club of Detroit
Tiny Tots

-Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski-

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

SESSION II 7 weeks $49.00

Tiny Tots:
- Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
  November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19
- Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
  November 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20

SESSION I 7 weeks $49.00

Tiny Tots:
- Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
  January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13
  January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14

Pipsqueaks P.E.

-Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski-

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 II 7 weeks $49.00

Pipsqueaks:
- Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
  November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19
- Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m
  November 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20

SESSION I 7 weeks $49.00

Pipsqueaks:
- Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
  January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13
- Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m
  January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14

Adult Karate Class

- Thursdays 7:45 p.m. Lavins Center -

8 week course $50.00

Adult karate classes are now being offered. Come and join this on going Tang Soo Do class held on Thursday evenings from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Your age, your sex, even your physical condition does not matter in karate. There is room for everyone. As a classical martial art its purpose is to develop every aspect of the self, mind, body, emotions, and spirit. Training in the martial arts can help alleviate the stresses and tensions in today’s society. Learning a martial art is something that truly changes your life, and not only makes you physically flexible and strong but also strengthens your mind. Along with the traditional stances, kicks, punches, and forms, practical self defense skills are taught.

This class is taught by Instructor Lisa Santi and Sensei Marino Santi

Congratulations to our Tournament Champions!

Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament

Men’s Singles - Jim Beardslee
Men’s Doubles - Donald Parschall
               Dick Keller
Woman’s Singles - Leslie Trudel
Woman’s Doubles - Jennifer Blanzy
                Kathy Flynn
Mixed Doubles - Ken Prather
               Kathy Flynn
Parent/Child - Kevin Daudlin
              Sean O’donnell-Daudlin

Windmill Pointe Co-ed Volleyball Tournament

Competative League - The Trilobytes
Captain - Tony Notarangelo
Recreational League - Supreme Court
Captain - Kurt Bekowies
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 a traditional karate lesson. Training in the martial arts enhances the physical skills of strength, fitness, balance, coordination, and flexibility along with the mental skills of focus, concentration, patience, courage, confidence, perseverance, respect, discipline and dedication. Issues that teens face today and self defense techniques will also be woven into this specially designed class. Sensei Marino Santi will be co-teaching this class to mentor the students.

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 knowledge.

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.

Registration will be on Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Lavins Activity Center.

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.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class ages 9 & up. Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Forms Class - 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25
Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Weapons Class. Same dates as above.
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Teen Class. Same dates as above.
Thursdays - 7:45 p.m. Adult Class

Session III
Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26
Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class ages 9 & up. Same dates as above.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27
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 - 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class ages 9 & up. Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Forms Class - 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29
Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Weapons Class. Same dates as above.
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Teen Class. Same dates as above.
Thursdays - 7:45 p.m. Adult Class

Gymnastics Class
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.

SESSION I
7 - 11 yr. olds Tues. 5 weeks $40.00 7:30-8:15 p.m.
November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19
5 - 8 yr. olds Sat. 5 weeks $40.00 11:15-Noon
December 2, 9, 16, January 6

SESSION II
5 - 7 yr. olds Sat. 7 weeks $56.00 11:15-Noon
8 - 11 yr. olds Sat. 7 weeks $56.00 Noon-12:45
January 27, February 10, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Please note... All Karate classes are $50.00
Lavins Activity Center

Gym Rentals

Occasional Half-Court gym rentals of the Golden Family Gymnasium are available. Reservations are for only 24 hours in advance (maximum 1 hour for basket-

ball, volleyball, badminton and running games. The fee is $20 per hour for each

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 facility. However, non-residents must arrive WITH ID, 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 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 and volleyballs are available. A complete list of gymnasium rules is posted at the front desk.

The Okulske Family Theatre

The Okulske Family Theatre offers a variety of movies on the BIG SCREEN. Call 22-222-2212 and reserve seat. To learn the latest upcoming movie titles, times and dates. The aroma of freshly popped popcorn and convenience to home are sure-

reasons to make it a date. Fire reasons to make it a date. The aroma of freshly popped popcorn and convenience to home are sure-fire reasons to make it a date.

Ticket Prices:

- Adults: $6.00
- Seniors over 60: $5.00
- Children under 12: $5.00

Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day.

Gym 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 required to be made at least 3 months in advance. For complete details stop by the front desk.

The craze continues! 60 minutes of intense but gentle workout focusing on strength, balance, and

flexibility necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle. All levels welcomed. You can do it! The

class will be guided by 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 Maker

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 sculpts 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 Maker

Wednesday 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

The class is for men and women, no matter what age or fitness level. Yoga practice will help lose unwanted pounds and inches to prevent gradual accumulation of fat that otherwise accompanies aging.

Do not abandon aerobic activity; the two diverse workouts complete each other.

Winter 2006/07 Meade Fitness Center Hours

Monday - Thursday 5:30 a.m. 10:00 p.m.
Friday 5:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.

MEADE FITNESS CENTER

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center is the Meade Fitness Center. Membership in the Fitness Center (work-out room) can be purchased at the front desk in the Stevens Atrium. A variety of workout equipment from free weights to cardio is available to members, along with a great view of Lake St. Clair while you exercise.

The classes that make up the Fitness Class Membership are as follows:

A combined fitness center and class membership can also be arranged.

Stop by our front desk for a list of current prices and membership combinations.

Personal Trainers are also on staff, and members can make arrangements to set up a personal fitness routine at an additional cost.

Kids Kare Drop-In

For children under 12, members and non-members alike can bring their children to the Kids Kare Drop-In. For children under 12, members and non-members alike can bring their children to the Kids Kare Drop-In. We have a drop-in room so you can work out while knowing your kids are near-by. Kids can be between six weeks and 9 years of age. Parents can purchase a Kid's Kare Drop-In Card which is punched for each visit. Cards may be purchased at the front desk. Parents may not leave the building while their children are in Kids Kare.

Lockers Rooms

The Lavins Activity Center has locker rooms to shower and change in if you choose. Please do not leave locks on locker doors; overnight as these lockers are used by all, for other Lavins Activity Center programs.

DOLORES & PAUL LAVINS ACTIVITY CENTER

We have the shop to tune up and become fitness fanatics!
### STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET

**Republican Party**
- Michael Hoehn (Republican)
- Martha G. Scott (Republican)
- Debbie Dingell (Democratic)
- Eugene Driker (Democratic)
- Margaret Guttsshall (Green)
- Michael Merriweather (Green)
- Philip Johnson (U.S. Taxpayers)
- Robert Van Bemmelen (U.S. Taxpayers)
- Thomas W. Jones (Libertarian)
- Bob Schubring (Libertarian)
- Tara C. Stegner (Natural Law)

**Democratic Party**
- Edward J. Gaffney (Democratic)
- Timothy Bledsoe (Democratic)
- Kristen Hamel (Green)

**Green Party**
- Natural Law Party

- U.S. Taxpayers Party
- Libertarian Party

### STATE SENATOR
2nd District
Vote For not more than ONE
- Michael Hoehn (Republican)
- Martha G. Scott (Republican)
- Debbie Dingell (Democratic)
- Eugene Driker (Democratic)
- Margaret Guttsshall (Green)
- Michael Merriweather (Green)
- Philip Johnson (U.S. Taxpayers)
- Robert Van Bemmelen (U.S. Taxpayers)
- Thomas W. Jones (Libertarian)
- Bob Schubring (Libertarian)
- Tara C. Stegner (Natural Law)

### REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE
1st District
Vote For not more than ONE
- Edward J. Gaffney (Democratic)
- Timothy Bledsoe (Democratic)
- Kristen Hamel (Green)
- Natural Law Party

### STATE BOARDS

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- Jacob Woods (Green)
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- Gail M. Graeser (U.S. Taxpayers)
- Erwin J. Haas (Libertarian)
- Ernest A. Whiteside (Libertarian)
- Debra Hayden (Natural Law)

**GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**
Vote For not more than ONE
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- Ruth Johnson (Republican)
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- John D. Cherry, Jr. (Democratic)
- Douglas Campbell (Democratic)
- David Skrbina (Green)
- Bhagwan Dasbairya (U.S. Taxpayers)
- Carl G. Oehling (U.S. Taxpayers)
- Gregory Creswell (Democratic)
- Scotty Boman (Libertarian)

**SECRETARY OF STATE**
Vote For not more than ONE
- Terri Lynn Land (Republican)
- Carmella Sabaugh (Democratic)
- Lynn Meadows (Green)

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Vote For not more than ONE
- Ramón J. Patrick (Republican)
- Robert A. Ficano (Democratic)

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER
1st District
Vote For not more than ONE
- Daniel L. Mercier (Republican)
- Tim Killeen (Democratic)

### NON-PARTISAN SECTION

**MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF REGENTS**
Vote For not more than TWO
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- Susan Brown (Republican)
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- Edward Morin (Green)
- Karen Adams (U.S. Taxpayers)
- James Lewis Hudler (Libertarian)
- Eric L. Larson (Libertarian)
- Valerie G. Hilden (Natural Law)

**JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT**
Vote For not more than TWO
- Marc Shulman
- Jane M. Beckering
- Michael F. Cavanagh (Justice of Supreme Court)
- Maura Denise Corrigan (Justice of Supreme Court)
- Kerry L. Morgan

**JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS**
1st District
INCUMBENT POSITION
Vote For not more than TWO
- Kirsten Frank Kelly
Our City maintains approximately 37 miles of street which are considered both local streets and major streets.

Major streets or through streets represent approximately 12 miles of the total and consist of streets such as Charlevoix, Mack Avenue, Avondale, Essex and so forth. Local streets or primary residential streets consist of approximately 25 miles of our roads.

Annually, approximately $250,000 is expended on curb replacement and street resurfacing. This past budget year the streets of Trombley, a portion of Avondale and Three Mile Drive were resurfaced.

Overall our expectancy to properly maintain our street resurfacing program requires resurfacing of approximately 1.8 miles of streets per year which would allow for replacement paving once for each street every twenty years.

Funds necessary to accomplish this goal is approximately $700,000 to $800,000 per year, leaving annual shortfall conservatively of $400,000 annually.

As a shortfall of funds exist due in part to the reduction in state shared revenues and significant cost increases in asphalt, the City Council will continue its efforts to maintain a system of resurfacing which achieves our long term requirements.
## Judge of the Circuit Court - Incumbent Position

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## Wayne County Community College Trustee - 1st District

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## Proposal 06-2
**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO BAN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS THAT GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR RACE, GENDER, COLOR, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR CONTRACTING PURPOSES**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:
- Ban public institutions from using affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes. Public institutions affected by the proposed include state government, local governments, public colleges and universities, community colleges and school districts.
- Prohibit public institutions from discriminating against groups or individuals due to their gender, ethnicity, race, color or national origin. (A separate provision of the state constitution already prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.)

Should this proposal be adopted?

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## Proposal 06-3
**A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 160 OF 2004 - AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUNTING SEASON FOR MOURNING DOVES**

Public Act 160 of 2004 would:
- Authorize the Natural Resources Commission to establish a hunting season for mourning doves.
- Require a mourning dove hunter to have a small game license and a $2.00 mourning dove stamp.
- Stipulate that revenue from the stamp must be split evenly between the Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.
- Require the Department of Natural Resources to address responsible mourning dove hunting; management practices for the propagation of mourning doves; and participation in mourning dove hunting by youth, the elderly and the disabled in the Department's annual hunting guide.

Should this law be approved?

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## Proposal 06-4
**A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE PURPOSES**

The proposed constitutional amendment...

## Proposal 06-5
**A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS**

The proposed law would:
- Increase current funding by approximately $565 million and require State to provide annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and higher education (includes state universities and financial aid grant programs).
- Require State to fund any deficiencies from General Fund.
- Base funding for school districts with a declining enrollment on three-year student enrollment average.
- Reduce and cap retirement fund contribution paid by public schools, community colleges and state universities; shift remaining portion to state.
- Reduce funding gap between school districts receiving basic per-pupil foundation allowance and those receiving maximum foundation allowance.

Should this proposed law be approved?

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**City of Grosse Pointe Park**

Proposal to Authorize $7,000,000 Bond Issue

Shall the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan borrow the sum of not to exceed Seven Million Dollars ($7,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds to finance all or a portion of the cost of programs and activities for housing stock revitalization and redevelopment, commercial district revitalization and redevelopment, street and parking area acquisition, repair, and improvements, tree removal and replacement, and, in connection with all of the foregoing, the acquisition and maintenance of real and personal property for such purposes? The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is .958 mills, which is $0.958 for each $1.00 of the taxable value on the taxable property in the City of Grosse Pointe Park, and which will raise an estimated $576,074 in the first year. The estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the debt is .958 mills, which is $0.958 for each $1.00 of the taxable value on the taxable property in the City of Grosse Pointe Park.
Grosse Pointe Sail Club

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club continues to stay busy and look for ways to have fun and get together during the winter months. After a very successful summer of Tuesday night races and a Regatta, we held our usual festive and delicious Chili Party as well as a Lobster Party in the fall. As the colder temperatures arrive and the snow thinks about dropping in we are looking forward to some winter gatherings. A holiday party is planned for families and children on December 10 and of course our annual Commodore’s Ball is scheduled for January 13, 2007 at the Roostertail.

Why don’t you consider joining the Grosse Pointe Sail Club? We have a lot of fun all year round and are always looking for new members. If you would like to inquire about joining please call Pat Clark at 881-3101.

West Park Farmers Market

Scattered showers and gray skies failed to dampen or diminish the turnout for the final “West Park Farmers Market” held on September 30 in conjunction with the Defer School “Fall Family Fun Festival”.

Over 50 vendors were on hand for shoppers to enjoy offering everything from farm fresh produce to Starbucks Coffee. Live entertainment by “Wildfire”, a beer tent and giant straw maze for the kids made this an enjoyable event for all ages and concluded a third successful season for the Farmers Market.

Look for information in the Spring Communicator regarding next years market.
WATER DEPARTMENT NOW OFFERING ELECTRONIC WITHDRAWALS

Automatic Debit Payment Sign-Up Form

The Grosse Pointe Park Water Department is now ready to sign up all water customers with ACH debit payment for paying your water bill. This service will allow you to have the City’s water department deduct the balance of your water bill from your bank checking account on the due date. Once it is established, you will never pay a late fee or worry about your mailed check arriving at City Hall; and no more changing your mailing address when you are out of town.

Many of our residents already have utility, loan and mortgage payments deducted from their checking accounts, so they are aware of how quick and simple the process is. Please fill out the form below and return it, along with a voided check, to the Grosse Pointe Park Water Department, 15115 East Jefferson Ave. Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Please contact the water department with any questions or concerns at 313-822-7650 or e-mail to jennym@grossepointepark.org.

Additional information (please read carefully)

1. You will receive your water bill in the mail as always. When the ACH debit is set up, the pay stub will have “Do not pay” printed at the bottom. The funds will be deducted from your checking account on the due date.

2. After you sign up for the service, the first bill you receive will NOT be deducted from your account. Your bank information must first be ‘Pre-noted’, which means: the information received from you must first be verified with the bank to confirm its accuracy. If we do not receive an error message from our bank, then the information was deemed accurate, and the ACH debit will occur with your next billing.

3. Final payments will never be automatically deducted, when a final read is requested, the auto draft information will be inactivated.

NAME: _____________________________________________
ADDRESS: _____________________________________________
PHONE #: _____________________________________________

I hereby agree to allow the CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK to deduct, from my checking account, the balance owing on my water bill on its bimonthly due date.

SIGNATURE: _____________________________________________

Attach voided check here

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day  Nov. 23  No pick-up on this date.
Thursday pick-ups on Friday, Nov. 24
Friday pick-ups on Saturday, Nov. 25

Christmas Day  Dec. 25  No trash or recycling.
All pick-ups delayed by one day this week.

New Year’s Day  Jan. 1, 07  No trash or recycling.
All pick-ups delayed by one day this week.

CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP

Curbside leaf pick-up will begin the week of October 16, 2006 and continue until December 8, 2006 (weather permitting). Due to equipment breakdowns & weather, there is no set schedule. Once the truck has been on your street the approximate turn around time will be 2 weeks.

SNOW REMOVAL

As a courtesy to homeowners, snow and ice is cleared from sidewalks. In the event that the city is not able to do so, the occupant and or owner of every lot adjoining any street shall clear all ice and snow within (12) hours after it ceases to fall.

ELECTION DAY IS
TUESDAY, NOV. 7
**NICE NEIGHBOR PROGRAM**

Have you ever wanted to thank that neighbor who shovels your snow, cuts your grass or picks up your 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 Communicitor.

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 Pointe Park, MI 48230
ATTN: Diane Vandenboom or E-mail to Vandenboomd@grossepointepark.org

**OUR NICE NEIGHBOR FOR THIS ISSUE IS:**

We would like to acknowledge our neighbor, Ann Harder who lives in the 1300 block of Wayburn. She is a young widow and does all her own yard work and snow shoveling. Ann also does our yard work, snow shoveling and watches our house while we are away. We would like Ann acknowledged to let her know how much we appreciate what she does for us. She is a very sweet person.

Submitted by:
Mr. & Mrs. R. Michael 1300 Block of Wayburn

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**REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES AND EVENTS**
Please do not use for Karate

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

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**Calendar Hi-lites & other cool stuff!**

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

**November 7** Election Day
City offices closed

**November 10** Veterans Day Observed
City offices closed

**November 23/24** Thanksgiving
City offices closed

**November 29** Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market
Tompkins Community Center 6:30 p.m.

**December 2** Lunch with Santa
Tompkins Community Center

**December 5** Taste of Grosse Pointe
Tompkins Community Center

**December 25/26** Christmas
City offices closed

**January 1** Happy New Year 2007!
City offices closed

**January 15** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
City offices closed

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**Election Calendar**

**October 10** Last day to register to vote in Nov. 7 election.

**November 4** Last day absentee ballots can be mailed from city hall.

**November 6** Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at city hall.

**November 7** Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

**November 7** Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Branching Out!

“Special edition column”

Return of The Mighty Elm

Although in the midst of an unprecedented epidemic, the emerald ash borer, Grosse Pointe Park still loses approximately 3% of its elm population annually due to our old nemesis, Dutch elm disease. A tree synonymous with our city nationwide, we have begun reintroducing the magnificent American elm into our community with disease resistant varieties.

The new elms are fast-growing, beautiful trees. In fact, in 2001 Grosse Pointe Park won the prestigious Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for being the first mid-western city ending the year with more elms than it began with. In other words, thanks to these disease resistant trees, Grosse Pointe Park was able to plant more elms than it lost for the first time in over 50 years. And we’ve repeated that feat every year since.

Most of the elms planted as replacement street trees in Grosse Pointe Park have been hybrids. That is, genetically, they are not 100% Ulmus americana. They have other species of elms bred into them to make them resistant to the fungus. Thus, although fast growing attractive trees, they won’t look exactly like the American elm that once graced our streets. Pioneer and homestead are two of my favorite elm hybrids.

Both have proven to be great street trees for Grosse Pointe Park. The homestead has a pyramidal shape and the pioneer a global, dense crown. They are both exceptionally fast growing.

The U.S. National Arboretum recently released two disease tolerant American elms, ‘Valley Forge’ and ‘New Harmony’. The advantage of planting true Ulmus americana as opposed to a hybrid is that the tree will have the “classic” American elm vase-like shape and resistance to the urban environment such as tolerance to air pollution and undesirable soil. Although commercially available, these cultivars are still hard to find for retail purchase.

Finally, for the last five years, one of the more popular trees offered by the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission’s annual tree sale has been the Princeton elm. This true Ulmus americana was produced from cuttings from an American elm selected in 1920 for its classic attributes and has been proven practically immune to Dutch-elm disease. Look for it for sale to Grosse Pointe Park residents in next year’s tree sale. Now, for the first time, they are also available large enough to be suitable for street trees.

This year we could plant more elms than we removed for the sixth year in a row. We have reserved dozens of American elms from four nurseries. However, money historically budgeted for tree planting has gone towards removing the dead ash, due to the emerald ash borer. This spring for example, we had to suspend all tree planting due to the lack of funds.

While we’ve been increasing our elm population overall, sadly, for the last two years we have been removing more trees of other species than planting. Additional funding will be required to resume our goal of replacing every tree removed.

Contact Brian Colter at 822-6200 ext 271 or arbor2000@aol.com

Death of a Champion!

The largest tree in Grosse pointe Park has succumbed to emerald ash borer. This huge tree on the 1100 block of bishop measured over 22 feet in circumference. The death of this champion tree means that a cottonwood at 805 Whittier now holds the title of the “City’s Largest Tree”. (The green on the trunk of the dead ash is ivy.)